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Chris Bjerrisgaard, marketing director for Craft Beer Week, at Portland Craft in Vancouver on Thursday. The Metro Vancouver area is on the cusp of a craft-beer revolution with six new breweries set to open by the end of the year. Craft Beer Week, which features 60 different events across the region, begins Friday. Story, page 8. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Nothing takes the Sting out of touring like yoga

Was he wearing Lululemon? About to kick off a months-long global concert tour, rocker Sting takes some time to chill at a Kelowna studio

Rock musician Sting stunned fans by showing up at a yoga studio in Kelowna hours before kicking off his North American tour in the Okanagan city.

Kylie Sutton owns the Moksha Yoga Studio and said people left the star alone when he came in for his workout on Thursday.

"You could tell people knew who he was, but no one bombarded him," she said. "It was really awesome, and I got a picture with him after class, and he was so grateful and really loved the studio and loved the experience. It was really neat."

Sutton said Sting, known as a big yoga devotee, was "super cool and really chill."

Chuck Woodward, the owner of Bikram Yoga Kelowna, said promoters for Sting's show called the studio on Wednesday and offered four tickets on behalf of the singer.

Although Woodward is a Sting fan and has never seen him perform in concert, he decided to give two of the tickets to his staff and held a draw for the other two among the yoga students.

"The girls were jumping up and down when they heard about the free tickets," Woodward said.

Advance crews for Sting's show were setting up and running sound checks at Prospera Place arena on Wednesday, and a man who looked like Sting climbed out of a black SUV limo at 5:25 p.m., hugged some people and went inside.

June marks the 30th anniversary of the release of Synchronicity, the last album produced by Sting and his old band the Police. On his website on Wednesday, an interview quoted Sting as saying he knew the band was about to break up after Synchronicity was released.

"This was almost a solo record in the sense that the subject matter was very personal to me and I couldn't share it," Sting said in the interview.

"Every Breath You Take, King of Pain and Wrapped Around Your Finger were about my life. So that was the end of the Police, because I realized I couldn't involve this kind of work in a democratic process."

Sting had played in Kelowna once before, in 2005.

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Big city meeting

Mayor pushes feds to fund social housing

Cities need help to house everyone, and they're pushing for cash as federal housing investments are set to dry up.

Up to $500 million per year of federal government funding for social housing is set to expire between 2014 and 2019, Mayor Gregor Robertson said Thursday as the big city mayors met at the annual Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference in Vancouver.

That could leave half a million Canadians at risk of losing their homes, according to the FCM.

The feds need to take action to "prevent chaos with our social housing," Robertson said.

While other issues such as transit are "hugely important," housing is a more pressing issue for the mayors, who need the federal government to come through to keep rents affordable and the housing supply stable in Canada's 22 largest cities, Robertson said.

"Housing is obviously fundamental to our cities and our economy and we've got a serious crisis of affordability in all our cities."

The big city mayors want all three levels of government and the private sector to get together to discuss how to maintain funding and find new investments.

While nearly one third of Canadians live in 3.9 million rental units across the country, just 10 per cent of new residential construction was designed for rental units in the past 15 years.

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Max Jenke of Endeavor Design Inc. in the R&D lab on Railway Street in Vancouver. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Vancouver board 'cook' vying for $100k award

BDC Young Entrepreneur Award. Former pro snowboarder in 2nd as of Thursday in national competition

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Max Jenke has been on a mission to build a better snowboard since he made his first at age 15.

At his lab in Vancouver's Railtown, the only research and design lab for snowboards in Canada, the former pro snowboarder and his team at Endeavor Design tweak board designs and materials in search of the perfect ride.

Planks of aspen and cedar lie alongside sheets of fibreglass and art decals in the lab, which produces about 100 boards a year in a compacting machine that "cooks" boards for 30 minutes at 147 C.

His company already mass-produces boards in Asia, but it's "super hard to go, 'Let's try this' and tinker with things in a big factory," the 34-year-old said.

"Here we take those wild and crazy ideas, and sometimes we strike gold."

Jenke is trying to win big again as the only B.C. finalist in the 2013 BDC Young Entrepreneur Award, which could net his company a cool $100,000 if he wins against eight other finalists aged 18 to 35.

The contest is based on online votes from the public at bdcyoungentrepreneuraward.ca and ends June 11. As of Thursday, Jenke was in second place.

His team would use the money to expand throughout the U.S., the tastemaker when it comes to action sports, he said. Only four mid-sized companies make snowboards in B.C., Jenke said, while the biggest competitors, such as Burton, are from the States.

"If you're not established in the U.S., it affects global business," he said. The cash would help him hire a sales force and attend trade shows south of the border, though he plans to expand on a smaller scale on the West Coast even if he doesn't win.

"We definitely want to be a force in snowboarding."

The perfect ride

"Here we take those wild and crazy ideas, and sometimes we strike gold."

Endeavor Design's Max Jenke on creating snowboard prototypes in their design lab

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Vancouver: From 'no fun' to mo' fun

Watch out Ibiza.
City taking parties to the 'next level,' including Stanley Park birthday bash

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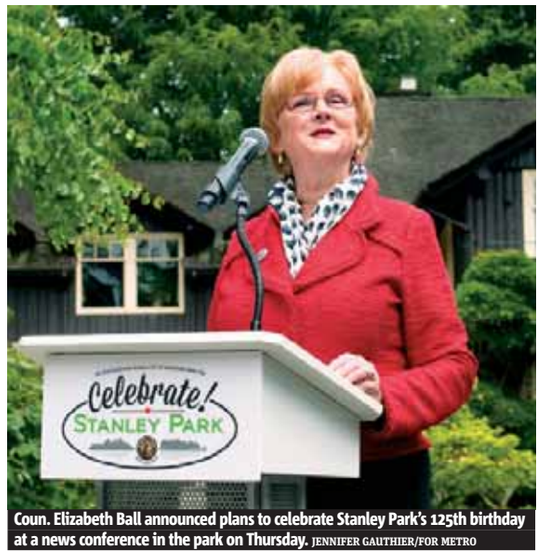

Coun. Elizabeth Ball announced plans to celebrate Stanley Park's 125th birthday at a news conference in the park on Thursday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Beer gardens at festivals and beer carts on golf courses.

It seems Vancouver is ditching its "no fun" nickname to become "more fun" city just in time for summer.

"Great cities have good parties," Mayor Gregor Robertson said Thursday, the same day the city announced a two-day celebration for Stanley Park's 125th birthday that includes licensed beer gardens.

"We ditched that 'no fun' label a few years ago and we're taking it to the next level," he said.

The push for public events comes partly from feedback the city got after the 2011 Stanley Cup riots, park board commissioner Trevor Loke said.

"We heard that people were coming in and tearing down the city because there wasn't that pride and engagement," Loke said, adding that participating and meeting neighbours can build pride.

"Vancouver is definitely trying to prioritize the idea that you can get civic engagement through public events, through activities that can bring people together."

This week, the city approved licensed drinking areas for the Lululemon half marathon and the Vancouver International Jazz Festival. It also lifted a ban on summertime kite surfing by approving a launch area at Spanish Banks, and earlier this year approved a paddleboard station at Kits beach.

And as of June 1, beverage carts on the city's three full public golf courses will serve beer for the first time.

The city's approach is that it's sensible and pragmatic to provide safe, regulated spaces for drinking instead of dealing with people illegally imbibing in an uncontrolled manner, Loke said.

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Park cougar tracked, shot dead

A cougar has been shot and killed by conservation officers at a popular park in Metro Vancouver.

The big cat was tracked overnight after Coquitlam River Park was closed as a precaution on Wednesday afternoon.

Trails were taped off and warning signs were posted following repeated sightings of an overly bold animal.

Insp. Chris Doyle confirms a cougar was shot Thursday morning as it climbed into a tree. He says it was showing signs of aggressiveness and was potentially looking at humans as a source of food so the decision was made to kill it rather than try to relocate it.

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Corporate Knights. Ottawa ranked more sustainable than Vancouver, Toronto

Vancouver's "greenest city" plan wasn't enough to beat Ottawa on a ranking of the most sustainable cities in North America.

Hollywood North earned fourth place on the top 20 list by Corporate Knights, a Toronto-based media and research company, while Canada's capital city got the bronze.

Ottawa had the highest percentage of green space among the cities, along with good air and water quality, according to Corporate Knights.

San Francisco earned top spot for its 80 per cent waste diversion rate and low energy consumption per capita.

"San Francisco was the first municipality to pass a sweeping ordinance mandating city-wide composting at all residences and businesses," lead researcher Darek Gondor said in a statement.

The ranking was based on 28 factors, including environmental quality, economic security, governance and empowerment, infrastructure and energy and social well-being. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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DTES youth more likely to inject drugs

Downtown Eastside. Study shows young in drug-ravaged area twice as likely to try intravenous drugs

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A new study has found that youth living on Vancouver's drug-riddled Downtown Eastside are twice as likely as at-risk youth in other neighbourhoods to experiment with intravenous drugs.

Dr. Evan Wood, lead researcher at the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS and lead author of the peer-reviewed study, spent six years following 422 Vancouver vulnerable youth, 98 of whom reported living in the Downtown Eastside. The rest lived in other neighbourhoods.

By the end of the study period in 2011, 43.8 per cent of the youths ages 14 to 26 on the Downtown Eastside had tried injecting drugs, compared to 19.7 per cent elsewhere.

"Given the serious harms associated with drug injecting, this research underscores the urgent need to expand evidence-based addiction treatments as an early intervention strategy to reduce street youth experimenting with intravenous drugs," said Dr. Wood in a release.

Intravenous drug users face a higher rate of transmitting HIV and hepatitis C. And regular drug use among youth has been shown to interfere with development, education and integration into society.

Wood said the study, which was published in the U.S. journal Drug and Alcohol Dependence, is the first to look at the impact of neighbourhood residence on young people's propensity to take up intravenous drug use.

Big increase

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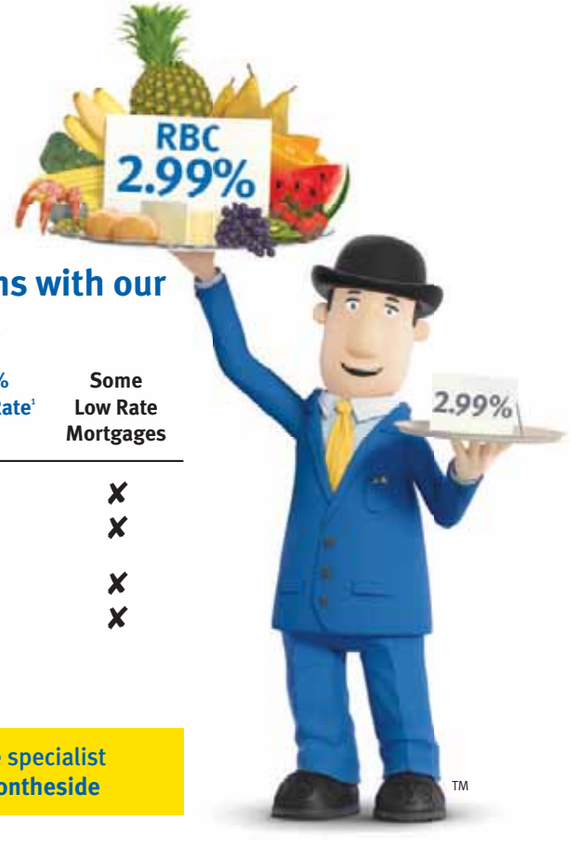

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Mr. Roboto and his snake

Titanoboa, a 50-foot electromechanical snake, will be on display this weekend at the PNE. Families, tech nerds and creative types looking for an affordable outing this weekend need look no further than Maker Faire at the PNE: an annual event that is equal parts science fair, show-and-tell and art party. The event features plenty of robots, including Titanoboa, a 50-foot robotic snake, 3D printer demos and crafts galore. Day passes are $15 for adults and $9 for kids. CONTRIBUTED/MICHAEL J.P. HALL

Bears versus trains. Rail-related bear deaths ongoing issue in province

A deadly collision between a bear and a TransLink train Thursday morning wasn't the first such incident.

At about 6:50 a.m., the West Coast Express fatally struck a black bear between Mission and Maple Ridge, delaying commuters for about 25 minutes.

"The tracks go through bear habitat, so these types of situations are going to occur," said Paul McFadden, conservation officer with the B.C. Ministry of Environment.

"They're starting to breed right now so they're moving back and forth between their habitats."

Bears are also attracted to the grasses and berries that grow beside rail paths and highways, he added.

McFadden couldn't say why the bear wouldn't get out of the way of a loud, fast-moving vehicle, but said maybe the bear "just tried to beat the train."

Although TransLink spokesperson Derek Zabel couldn't recall any other cases of bruins on the tracks, fatal collisions between the animals and CP Rail trains are not uncommon.

Indeed, bear-train collisions are such a problem in Canada's National Parks, the federal government and CP Rail have launched a joint initiative to curb rail-related bear deaths.

Last year, a half dozen black bears and two grizzlies were fatally struck by CP Rail trains in Banff and Yoho national parks. ELIZABETH HAMES/METRO

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Chris Bjerrisgaard, marketing director for Craft Beer Week, says the event has given the city's craft beer industry "a little kick in the butt." JENNFIER GAUTHIER/METRO

Craftsmanship comes in a keg

Craft Beer Week.
Industry growth has folk seeing Vancouver as the new Portland

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Vive la craft-beer revolution!

The six new breweries set to open up in Metro Vancouver in 2013, plus the four that launched last year, will produce barely enough suds to satisfy Vancouverites' thirst.

Parallel 49, which celebrated its one-year anniversary in May, has already expanded capacity about six times. And Red Truck Beer, Surrey Central Brewing and Steamworks are all planning large-scale expansions in the coming months.

All that frenzy has left the craft beer industry with between 15 and 20 percent of B.C.'s beer market, leading many to speculate a Portland-style boom is on the horizon.

Helping fuel the sudsy surge is Vancouver's Craft Beer Week, nine days of hopsy celebration beginning Friday and culminating in a two-day beer fest.

Chris Bjerrisgaard, marketing director for Craft Beer Week, said that on its own, the industry would have eventually achieved its current status, "but we've given it a little kick in the butt."

The festival rallies Vancouverites around the craft beer industry through 60 different events, such as the Bartender Beer Cocktail competition at the Queen's Republic on June 4 and Hoppapalooza at the Alibi Room on June 2.

Learn more

For more information, visit vancouvercraftbeerweek.com

Fentanyl

Ministry on alert for fatal overdoses

B.C.'s health officer is asking health-care workers to be on the lookout for potential overdoses involving a powerful painkiller.

The Health Ministry says numbers from the coroners service suggest that in the first four months of 2013, there have been 23 deaths as a result of people taking fentanyl, compared to 20 deaths in all of last year.

The ministry says in a news release that even handling fentanyl can be dangerous because it can be absorbed into the mucous membranes.

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Dead 3-year-old. Support fund reaches goal in a day

A support fund for the family of a three-year-old who died in a car crash this week has reached its $15,000 goal, less than 24 hours after it launched.

At about 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, a 36-year-old woman was driving her two daughters north on Ganges Road on Salt Spring Island when her car collided with a van, police say.

The younger of the girls, 3, was flown to B.C. Children's Hospital but later succumbed to her injuries.

Since the girl's death on Tuesday, the small island community has rallied around the family. Friends launched the Singh Family Support Fund on Sharespring, a Salt Spring-based crowdfunding site, with a target of $15,000.

The fund went live at 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday and had just reached its goal by press time Thursday evening.

The mother runs a catering company, Omja, and works at a restaurant to help support her family. The fund will help make up for lost income while she recovers from her injuries, as well as cover her husband's travel expenses when he visits his daughter in hospital in Victoria.

Some of the funds will also go toward paying for the girl's funeral.

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Vancouver viral video racks up 4M hits

Convos With My 2 Year Old. Local actors surprised by popularity of YouTube series

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The terrible twos have inspired three Vancouver actors' global debuts in a viral video series that has garnered more than four million hits on YouTube.

Convos With My 2 Year Old is a short-skit series starring Matthew Clarke and his actor wife Leila Harrison as themselves, but with a grown man playing their toddler daughter, Coco.

Clarke said he came up with the idea after having one of those hilarious interactions with his daughter that only a young human can precipitate.

"I kind of stepped back for a second and I thought, 'This is a crazy conversation, and the only reason it flies is because she's a toddler,'" he said. "If this was another human adult, it would be totally absurd."

Clarke started writing out a script based on some of Coco's funniest moments and then cast his friend and fellow actor David Milchard, who is a regular fixture in Vancouver's TheatreSports League improv troupe, to play her.

Clarke also enlisted the help of Vancouver-based Warmland Films to shoot and produce the two-minute clips.

So far, that episode has been featured on CNN, the New York Daily News, the Daily Mail, Huffington Post, Gawker and Buzzfeed. The second was released Wednesday and already has more than 380,000 hits.

"It's kind of crazy to see how far it's spread and where it's reaching," Clarke said. "I still can't really wrap my brain around it."

The team is currently working on the third episode, which will be released sometime in the next couple of weeks, and hopes to unveil new episodes biweekly.

As for how Coco feels about her sudden stardom, Clarke says she is blissfully unaware.

Watch it

To watch the videos, visit metronews.ca and search: Convos With My 2 Year Old.

Actor David Milchard plays two-year-old Coco in the YouTube hit series Convos With My 2 Year Old. CONTRIBUTED/WARMLAND FILMS

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Constitutional right?
Babies gave inmates hope, court hears

Infants and their mothers participating in a provincial program to keep them together in jail gave all prisoners a sense of hope and pride, a judge has heard, with one mother testifying about her fruitless efforts to stay with her child after the program was cancelled.

Recreational therapist Alison Granger-Brown was testifying in B.C. Supreme Court on Thursday as part of a constitutional challenge launched after the program was cancelled in 2008. She said she was responsible for making sure the inmates at Maple Ridge's Alouette Correctional Centre for Women developed a healthy lifestyle.

She told the court that organizing birthday parties and christenings for the babies, teaching incarcerated mothers how to play with their children and allowing inmates to run outside or plant herbs created a positive environment.

But the province has argued the program posed dangers for the infants and that its cancellation did not violate any rights.

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Low-risk re-offender

Husband killer granted parole, 11 years later

A Falkland, B.C., woman who shot and killed her husband and tried to kill his friend has been granted full release by the National Parole Board.

The board says 49-year-old Darlene Young is a low risk to reoffend.

A psychiatric assessment shows no evidence of mental health issues.

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Sperm donor

No appeal for woman seeking info about dad

The Supreme Court of Canada will not hear an appeal from a woman who wanted to know the identity of her sperm-donor father.

Olivia Pratten sought to take her case to the high court after the British Columbia Court of Appeal threw out an earlier decision that sided with her.

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Darwin's 'mom' back in court to get him back

Ikea monkey trial.
Abuse allegations dropped as Toronto lawyer describes unusual bond with 'son'

A primate sanctuary is no longer alleging that the Ikea monkey was abused by the woman who calls herself his "mom," who wept in court Thursday as she described her bond with her "son."

Yasmin Nakhuda took her monkey, Darwin, everywhere, she testified. Nakhuda, a Toronto real-estate lawyer, took him to work, the gym, shopping, to a wedding, and brought him in the shower with her.

She took him to an Ikea store in December, locked his crate and the car and told him she would be right back. But Darwin escaped and ran around the parking lot. Toronto Animal Services scooped him up and sent him to Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary in Sunderland, Ont.

Yasmin Nakhuda arrives at Durham Region Courthouse on Thursday. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Nakhuda felt like she had lost her son, said the mother of two boys, ages 12 and 16. "I think when I had my two children I didn't have time to mother them — I was more focused on building my practice," Nakhuda said. "Having Darwin ... was like the chance to experience motherhood again."

Nakhuda sued the sanctuary to get Darwin back and was the first witness at Thursday's trial. She alleges she was tricked into surrendering the monkey. The case is not a custody battle — as Darwin is not a child — rather, Nakhuda is suing for recovery of property.

She has gone to court twice in unsuccessful bids to get Darwin back, and at one of those hearings the sanctuary alleged she had abused the monkey, by "strangling" him and hitting him with a spoon.

At the outset of the trial Thursday, Kevin Toyne, the lawyer for the sanctuary, said it was withdrawing those allegations in the interest of keeping the trial short.

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Actor battered over iPhone

A Toronto actor faced a case of life imitating art Tuesday when he was the victim of a violent theft. Jeff Hanson, currently in a play about violence, was walking home when a car pulled up.

The driver asked to borrow his iPhone. After Hanson leaned into the window and handed him his phone, the man stepped on the gas. "I had a fight-or-flight reaction," recalled Hanson, who grabbed the inside of the car.

Soon the driver sped up towards a parked car. "I knew if I didn't let go, he was going to pin me between (the parked car and his vehicle) ... So I let go and started rolling," Hanson said.

His face took the brunt of the damage, but he said plastic surgeons have assured him his actor's visage will be back to normal eventually.

"If not, you know, a few scars might make me look a little tougher," he said with a laugh. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jeff Hanson in hospital after Tuesday's incident. COURTESY JUNE MITTLER

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Despite fresh allegations and loss of staff, Ford is 'doing fine'

Status d'oh. T.O. mayor keeps cool despite new reports he said he knew where alleged video was

Rob Ford brushed aside questions on Thursday about a new claim that he knew the whereabouts of an alleged crack cocaine video in another chaotic day that saw two more aides leave.

As the storm continued to rage, Toronto's defiant mayor said he's "not stepping aside."

Repeatedly asked about the allegations, Ford simply said: "Anything else? Anything else?"

That left his brother, Coun. Doug Ford, to denounce a Toronto Star report — which did not name its sources — that alleged the mayor told senior aides not to worry about the video purportedly showing him smoking crack because he knew where it was.

"This is the Toronto Star trying to keep the story alive," Coun. Ford said.

"In my opinion, we have a disgruntled employee, ex-employee I should say, that obviously is upset that's thrown these false accusations out."

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne expressed concern Toronto residents were losing confidence, saying Ford "needs to deal with his personal issues."

"The premier should take care of the problems she has at Queen's Park right now," Ford shot back. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nothing to see

"I'm running in the next election. Things are going great and we're doing fine."
Toronto Mayor Rob Ford

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford has lost a total of five staff members since the scandal broke. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Nabbed in Alberta

Second arrest in killing linked to the scandal

Police said a second arrest has been made in the March killing of a Toronto man believed to be seen with Ford in a photo linked to the crack scandal.

Police said Hanad Mohamed, 23, was arrested last week in Fort McMurray, Alta., in the death of Anthony Smith and was to appear in court in Toronto on Friday charged with first-degree murder.

Nisar Hashimi, 23, was arrested in April and also faces first-degree murder charges in Smith's death. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Toronto Mayor Rob Ford
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Could you tell if Ford is fibbing?

A lesson in deception.
Expert describes how one might try to crack Toronto's crack scandal

Human beings make poor lie detectors — our gut feelings lead us astray, and we tend to rely on false stereotypes about shifty-eyed liars.

"Most people perform around the level of chance ... the same accuracy as would be expected simply by flipping a coin," said Leanne ten Brinke, a postdoctoral fellow at UC Berkeley, in an email interview.

In her doctoral thesis at University of B.C. Okanagan, ten Brinke tested our ability to detect high-stakes lies — specifically televised pleas for the safe return of a missing loved one, comparing genuine pleas to those of people later found to have killed the missing person.

The genuine pleaders expressed sincere sadness on their faces and gave relatively long pleas, she said. The liars had difficulty appearing genuinely sad; instead they showed subtle smiles and surprise.

"Because many of the muscles in our face are not under strong voluntary control, they could not bring their eyebrows upward and together, as occurs in genuine sadness. Instead their eyebrows only came upward — making them appear surprised," ten Brinke said.

Her best advice is to throw away stereotypes — especially that liars will look shifty or gaze in a certain direction.

Instead, look for inconsistencies in verbal, facial and body-language behaviours, and for "leakages" of real emotion.

Asked about finding the truth in the ongoing Rob Ford crack-video scandal, ten Brinke said her research can be a great tool for investigative reporters.

"If you notice some suspicious behaviour, you probably want to question the person further about that topic — they could be hiding something that you might be able to reveal."

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Partners signing for mining

Chilean President Sebastian Pinera visits Parliament Hill on Thursday. During his stay, Chile and Canada signed a renewed partnership framework that included "a strong commitment to responsible resource development" and the exchange of expertise, "including research and development to reduce the environmental footprint of mining." Canadian mining operations abroad continue to attract opposition, particularly over environmental concerns. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Trip to Mars comes with radiation risks

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Long voyage. Readings by U.S. rover find astronauts would face a raised cancer risk if they went to the red planet

Astronauts travelling to and from Mars would be bombarded with as much cosmic radiation as they'd get from a full-body CT scan about once a week for a year, researchers reported Thursday.

That dose is enough to raise their cancer risk by about 3 per cent, but experts caution that there are many uncertainties about the space environment's effects on the body.

As plans for deep space exploration ramp up, radiation is a big concern — from high-energy galactic cosmic rays spewed by distant supernova explosions to sporadic bursts of charged particles hurled by the sun. Earth's magnetic field helps to deflect much of that harmful radiation.

The U.S. space agency, NASA, aims to send a crew to orbit the red planet by the mid-2030s. Private outfits like Inspiration Mars — backed by NASA engineer-turned-space tourist Dennis Tito — are seeking volunteers for a Mars flight. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Power and politics

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Ont. Tories say Ford is not their man

Toronto city councillor Doug Ford had been touted as a high-profile candidate for Ontario's PC party. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

High profile. This past weekend, embattled Toronto mayor's older brother Doug faced drug allegations of his own

Ontario's Progressive Conservative House Leader Jim Wilson is distancing the party from Doug Ford, the brother of Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, who had been heralded as a potential high profile candidate.

"He is not our candidate," Wilson told a news conference he called Thursday to condemn the New Democrats for propping up Ontario's "corrupt" minority Liberal government by supporting the Grits' budget.

Ford, a city councillor, was described in a Globe and Mail story last weekend as being a hashish dealer in Etobicoke some 30 years ago. Doug Ford has strongly denied the allegation.

"I don't even know the guy . . . personally I've never even met him," Wilson told reporters who pressed him on whether Ford could still run for the Tories in the next election.

Wilson was an MPP in the former Mike Harris PC government along with the Fords' late father, Doug Ford Sr., who he described as a "decent chap."

The mayor is under a cloud over a video — viewed by two Toronto Star reporters and an editor at the U.S. website Gawker — that appears to show him smoking crack cocaine. Rob Ford has dismissed the stories as "false' and said: "I do not use crack cocaine nor am I an addict of crack cocaine."

According to several party insiders, the accusations swirling around the Fords are having an impact on the Progressive Conservatives. The Tories have often praised the Fords for their vigilance in controlling municipal spending and fighting tax hikes. But the recent controversy appears to be taking a toll.

Doug Ford said last month he would run for the Progressive Conservatives if there was a spring election, which has been delayed because of a budget deal between Premier Kathleen Wynne and NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

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With Toronto Mayor Rob Ford making headlines across the globe, we take a look at some of the scandals (or lack thereof) facing mayors in Metro cities across Canada. See how your city compares.

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Edmonton

After serving nearly three terms, Mayor Stephen Mandel has remained relatively squeaky clean in terms of scandalous behaviour. He has, however, received criticism as the primary driver behind the new downtown Edmonton arena deal, a $600-million, primarily publicly funded deal that critics argue benefits a billionaire owner.

Winnipeg

Mayor Sam Katz came under fire earlier this year after a local businessman sued him for conflict of interest when he hosted a city staff Christmas party at his restaurant. Last week, he came under fire for spitting out his gum onto a lawn.

Toronto

The latest in a string of Mayor Rob Ford scandals started with the Toronto Star and Gawker reporting that there is a video appearing to show Mayor Rob Ford smoking crack and muttering "I'm f---ing right-wing;" calling Justin Trudeau a "fag;" and calling the high school football players he coached "just f---ing minorities."

Halifax

Unlike his predecessor, the current mayor of Halifax is so far scandal-free. The only whiff of controversy came just after Mike Savage was sworn in, when he revealed he used his campaign funds to pay himself a $10,000 monthly stipend for the three months after he quit his regular marketing job to run for office. It didn't contravene any campaign financing laws.

Vancouver

In the fall of 2008, then mayoral candidate Gregor Robertson took some heat when it was discovered that he had a $173 unpaid fine for travelling two zones on SkyTrain on a one-zone fare. Robertson had planned to challenge the fine, but ended up paying it ahead of the civic election – which he won handily.

Regina

Regina Mayor Michael Fougere is squeaky clean, having been in office for about seven months.

Saskatoon

When first elected as mayor in 2003, Saskatoon's Don Atchison caused a stir when he insisted that people – from residents to media to office staff — had to dress in semi-formal (as in, a tie) attire to meet with him in his office.

Ottawa

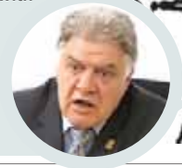
Mayor Jim Watson, a self-described "boring" mayor, has been criticized for engaging in semi-frequent "Twitter fights" with outspoken constituents.

Calgary

In 2011, popular Calgary mayor Naheed Nenshi accepted a flight to Toronto paid for by a private company to speak at a symposium. No conflict of interest was found. This year, many raised eyebrows at a $400-per-ticket, closed-to-public event Nenshi held to launch his upcoming civic campaign.

London

Mayor Joe Fontana was charged in November with fraud under $5,000, breach of trust by a public officer and uttering forged documents after an RCMP investigation. He is accused of using a $1,700 federal government cheque to cover a room deposit for his son's 2005 wedding reception. Fontana denies the allegations, which have not been proven in court.



Montreal

Montreal is currently governed by interim mayor Michael Applebaum, pictured, who took power after Gérald Tremblay resigned in November amid the Quebec corruption inquiry. There was testimony that Tremblay was aware of his party's alleged illegal financing and price-fixing in the construction industry, but did nothing to stop it. Tremblay denies he was aware of wrongdoing.

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Baird urges political solution to Syria violence

Reports of a Russian arms shipment to the Syrian regime and the rejection of peace talks by opposition groups raised fears Thursday that international efforts to bring an end to the civil war in Syria are at risk.

A political solution is the only way to end the violence, Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird and his German counterpart stressed Thursday after bilateral talks in Ottawa.

Both men expressed concern over reports that Syrian President Bashar Assad received Russian anti-aircraft missiles.

"Syria has received the first shipment of Russian anti-aircraft S-300 rockets," Assad was quoted as saying, adding: "All our agreements with Russia will be implemented and parts of them have already been implemented."

Baird called the reports regrettable, if true, while German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle characterized the development as unappreciated.

The U.S. and Russia were to meet this week in Geneva to hash out a plan to get both sides together for peace talks, but the Syrian National Coalition, a major opposition group, suggested that for now there's no place for talks.

"The talk about the international conference and a political solution to the situation in Syria has no meaning in light of the massacres that are taking place," a spokesman for the Syrian National Coalition, Khalid Saleh, told reporters in Istanbul. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Arms race

The concern with the influx of weapons isn't just about them making it into the wrong hands, but also the start of an arms race between opposition groups and the Assad government.

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Harper mum on dealing with scandal

Ottawa. PM has failed to address questions about how he directed staff to deal with expense issue last fall

Prime Minister Stephen Harper
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Prime Minister Stephen Harper is steadfastly refusing to acknowledge any question about his leadership during the months last winter when an expense scandal involving three of his Conservative Senate appointees was in the public eye.

Harper has spent the past three days insisting that he first learned that his chief of staff had helped pay off Sen. Mike Duffy's $90,000 in improper expense claims only after the public was told by CTV in mid-May.

But he has failed to address questions about how he instructed his staff to handle the expense revelations after they first aired late last fall.

Neither Harper nor his NDP and Liberal counterparts were in question period Thursday, so it fell to Heritage Minister James Moore to bear the brunt of the opposition onslaught.

"Duffy keeps the $90,000 while the Receiver General gets $90,000 from an illicit deal that was so wrong it cost Mr. Wright his job," said Liberal MP Ralph Goodale.

"Will the government repudiate the dirty money and instead garnishee Duffy's wages and seize his assets so he pays for his wrongdoing, not some deal-maker in the PMO?"

Moore pointed out the matter is in the hands of the RCMP, then chastised the Liberals for failing to address reports that Liberal Sen. Pana Merchant is the beneficiary of her husband's secret offshore bank account worth $1.7 million.

During an appearance earlier Thursday with Chilean President Sebastian Pinera, Harper was again asked what direction he gave his office to manage the political fallout when it first became public last year.

Harper said it is up to the Senate to investigate the matter, and that he learned only on May 15 that Duffy had not repaid his expenses from his own pocket.

Harper said the facts in the expense scandal are absolutely clear — adding that the facts "are not good, but they are clear and they are simple."

Harper faced more than 40 direct questions on the affair in the House of Commons this week but has not provided any information on who in his office was asked to handle the scandal, what instructions they were given, or why his chief of staff took it upon himself to give $90,000 to a senator accused of improper housing expense claims.

Duffy stopped co-operating with an independent audit of his expenses once the $90,000 was paid back. Conservatives in the Senate cited that repayment in declaring the matter closed shortly after receiving the audit.

Duffy and Sen. Pamela Wallin are no longer part of the Conservative caucus, along with Sen. Patrick Brazeau, another Harper appointee accused of improper expense claims.

Sen. Mac Harb has left the Liberal caucus while fighting what he says are unfair accusations that he too abused his Senate housing allowance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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China. Miracle boy rescued from sewer pipe released to grandparents

The mother of a Chinese baby boy who was rescued from a sewer pipe beneath a restroom shortly after birth is unlikely to face criminal charges because authorities concluded he fell into the toilet accidentally, local officials and media reports said Thursday.

The baby was released from a hospital to his maternal grandparents late Wednesday, while his mother, 22, remains under medical care. The infant was rescued from a pipe underneath a squat toilet in Zhejiang province. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An accident, say police

The mother raised the alarm about the baby when he got stuck Saturday in a pipe below a toilet in a restroom. But she had cleared away signs of a birth and did not immediately come forward as the mother.

The baby rescued after being trapped in a sewage pipe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tunisian Femen activist fined; more charges pending

Protesters at the courthouse in Kairouan, Tunisia. NAWFEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Amina Sboui. Activist went into hiding due to death threats; now she's accused of writing 'Femen' on a cemetery wall

A court convicted the Tunisian member of the Ukrainian feminist group Femen Tuesday for carrying an "incendiary object" and fined her $182.

She remains in custody pending more serious charges.

Supportive dad

"I am proud of my daughter, who has honoured the rights of women." **Mounir Sboui, Amina's father,** who made the comment in an interview and was in court to support her.

Amina Sboui, who posted topless photos of herself online as part of a women's rights protest, attempted to carry out a new protest on May 19 in the religious centre of Kairouan. She was arrested and charged with carrying a canister of pepper spray.

Prosecutors on Thursday, however, said they are considering bringing more serious charges against her, including desecrating a cemetery and offending public decency, according to defence lawyer Mokhtar Jannene.

Sboui will appear in court again June 5.

Outside the court, about 200 protesters, including many religious conservatives, chanted slogans against Sboui, accusing her of attacking the city and insulting Islam. They also shouted insults at the defence lawyers and accused them of "sullying" the image of the city, a centre for religious pilgrimage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Brussels. EU wants to abolish roaming charges across bloc by next year

A top European Union official says mobile-phone-network operators should be forced to end charging customers for data roaming when travelling across the 27-nation bloc.

European Commission Vice-President Neelie Kroes told the European Parliament on Thursday the roaming fees should cease to exist by next year.

The Commission, the bloc's executive arm, has already cracked down on roaming charges for international cell-phone calls. It has also mandated lower maximum ceilings for data roaming costs, but bills for using the Internet on smartphones or tablets when travelling in Europe still rise quickly.

Kroes said abolishing data roaming fees will be another step to accomplishing the bloc's single market, saving citizens and companies money. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Super Size Me. CEO dines at McDonald's 'every single day'

They might start calling it the McDiet. McDonald Corp.'s CEO Don Thompson revealed at an analyst conference this week that he shed about 20 pounds in the past year by getting his "butt up" and "working out again." But he said he hasn't changed his habit of eating at McDonald's "every, single day."

Thompson, who has been on the job for less than a year, was responding to a question about how the world's biggest hamburger chain is adapting amid growing concerns about obesity.

Thompson said that he lost the weight by getting active again. He noted that Europeans walk a lot and that it's rare to see Europeans that are "very, very heavy."

"And so I think that balance is really important to people," he said. Thompson did not provide any other details about his weight or diet. A representative for McDonald's did not immediately respond to a request for more details. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

McDonald's CEO Don Thompson, shown in 2010, says he's lost 20 pounds in the last year by working out — but he still eats at the Golden Arches daily. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Scott Moore, president of broadcast at Rogers Media, said Rogers remains committed to ethnic programming, and that the cuts at OMNI Television were made due to "the changing marketplace." OMNITV

Rogers lets CityNews fade to black, makes cuts to OMNI Television programming

Broadcasting. Decision affects 62 full-time jobs in all areas of production

Rogers Communications axed its short-lived 24-hour CityNews Channel and slashed production in some areas of its OMNI Television operations Thursday in an abrupt announcement that took viewers by surprise.

A Rogers spokeswoman said the changes "impacted" 62 full-time employees in total — 23 at Toronto's CityNews Channel and 39 at OMNI Television.

"The impacted positions included all facets of the television industry — production, operations, writing, reporting," said Andrea Goldstein. The changes were announced in a memo to employees from Scott Moore, the president of broadcast at Rogers Media.

"We made changes to the company's television strategy to reflect evolving viewer habits and the global structural shift in advertising," Moore wrote in the memo obtained by The Canadian Press.

Moore also announced changes at Rogers' OMNI Television, which focuses on multicultural programing.

"The English-language South Asian newscast is no longer being offered and production operations in Alberta have ceased," Moore wrote.

Rogers said OMNI Television stations in Calgary and Edmonton will continue to operate but original content will not be produced from the Alberta locations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"(OMNI's) English-language South Asian newscast is no longer being offered and production operations in Alberta have ceased."

Scott Moore, president of broadcast at Rogers Media, in a memo to employees.

CAW-CEP merger

Private-sector mega-union to be called Unifor

Labour leaders say they've chosen a "modern, strong, innovative" name to unite workers in what will become Canada's largest private sector union, part of a branding effort they hope will help bolster their ranks.

The result of the merger of the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada and the Canadian Auto Workers will be called Unifor, leaders announced Thursday at a news conference in Toronto. Its logo will be a white U on a red shield, a symbol of the "strength, protection and security" the union will provide, they said.

"That name and logo will become famous, why? Because you're going to see us on the picket line, you're going to see us in the street," CEP spokesman Gaetan Menard told the cheering crowd of union members. The new union will represent more than 300,000 workers across roughly 20 sectors of the economy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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With Windows 8.1, Microsoft is out to appease long-term users

Microsoft is trying to fix what it got wrong with its radical makeover of Windows. It's making the operating system easier to navigate and enabling users to set up the software so it starts in a more familiar format designed for personal computers.

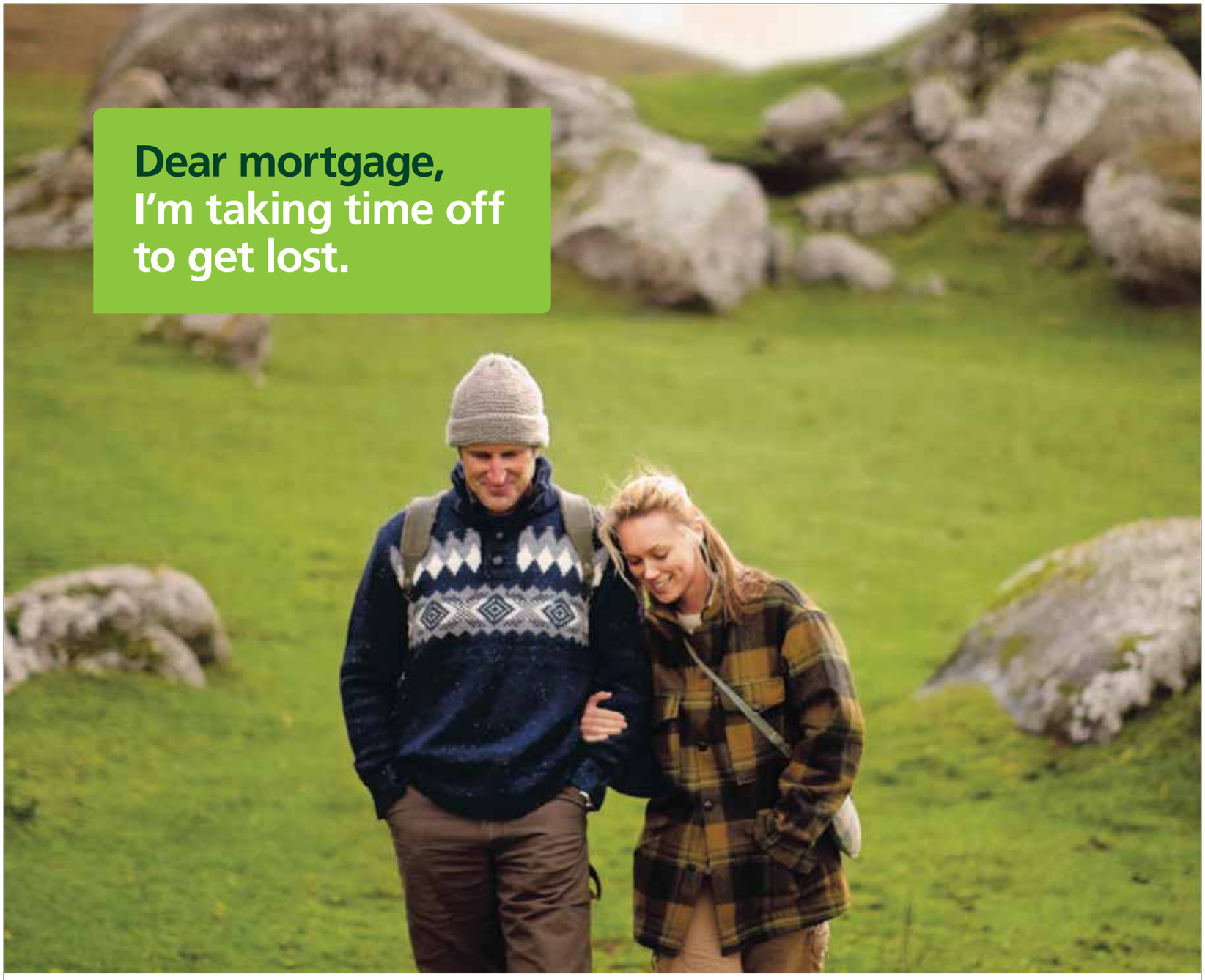
The revisions to Windows 8 will be released later this year. The free update, called Windows 8.1, represents Microsoft's concessions to long-time customers taken aback by the dramatic changes to an operating system that had become a staple in households and offices around the world during the past 20 years.

Microsoft Corp. announced its plans for Windows 8.1 earlier this month. The first details about what will be included in the update were provided in a Thursday post on Microsoft's website.

With the release of Windows 8 seven months ago, Microsoft introduced a start-up screen displaying applications in a mosaic of interactive tiles instead of static icons.

The shift agitated many users who wanted the option to launch the operating system in a mode that resembled the old setup.

That choice will be provided in Windows 8.1, although Microsoft isn't bringing back the start menu. The lack of a start button ranks among the biggest gripes about Windows 8. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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THE METRO LIST
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1 Rob Ford? Wasn't he the mayor of Toronto?
He still is, maggot. But for how long? The rats are fleeing for the emergency exits — five personal staffers have bailed and the week's not over. Who's next? His barber? Meanwhile, the mayor keeps doing his bizarre tribute to the Black Knight from Monty Python and the Holy Grail, denying there's a video out there featuring him getting Ford-faced on crack. It's just a flesh wound!

2 Moses' got nothing on this kid:
Alone and afraid, a woman in China gave birth to a baby boy on the toilet. Apparently, baby slipped down the drain and the new mom called the Chinese equivalent of 911. Miraculously the infant was rescued from the sewer pipe. From where he's starting, everything going forward is good news.

3 We're number three!
The OECD (don't bother looking it up) has determined that Canada is the third happiest nation on earth. Number two is Sweden, which is always in our face, and number one is Australia. Throw another shrimp on the barbie! Criteria include work-life balance, income, housing, and something called the Mick Jagger Factor, or "satisfaction" for short. Canada gets the happiness bronze medal instead of the gold; after all, Rob Ford is still the mayor of Toronto. Just wait until next year, maggot.

4 The rich get richer:0
Sure it's a cliché, but boy it's true. According to the World Bank, the world's richest eight per cent snag 50 per cent of the world's income. Here's one reason the Democratic Republic of the Congo did not place in the top 15 of the world's happiest nations: its annual income is $231. Compare that to Monaco, where it's $171,465. If I were trying to make ends meet in the Congo, this news would not make me happy.

5 Attack of the Killer Beaver:
Here in the world's third happiest country, the beaver is a symbol of cheerful industry and diligence, not to mention the nation's founding fur. In Belarus, the beaver is just another nasty rodent. Some guy tried to have his picture taken with one, which bit him, severing an artery in his leg. The poor guy bled out. Now Belarus is trying to figure out what to do about an increasing population of increasingly aggressive beavers. There are 80,000 beavers in Belarus. Who knew?

6 Speaking of Biebers:
Another iconic Canadian rodent was in the news this week, this time for racing around the 'hood in his hot car, scaring the neighbours and fuelling the paparazzi. Call in the Bieber control officers. This kid is out of control.

ZOOM

Monk's best friend

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The Tiger Temple: Where monastery meets sanctuary

Under the cool shade of a tree, a Buddhist monk affectionately embraces a tiger. Elsewhere at the Tiger Temple in Kanchanaburi, Thailand, a young tiger was spotted happily playing around in a pool of water with a fascinating new toy. There are some 100 tigers at the temple which live alongside monks. Founded in 1994, the animal reserve is based at a Buddhist temple. The first cub arrived in 1999 after her mother was killed by poachers nearby. **METRO**

Critics: An illegal breeding facility

The attraction is a controversial one, as animal rights groups claim it is an illegal breeding facility and that the tigers are not cared for properly. However, a three-day investigation by ABC News did not find any evidence of poor conditions. **METRO**

Quoted

"If you think they rescue abused tigers, or that the tigers will be released into the wild, they won't be."

Philip Mansbridge, CEO of animal welfare charity Care for the Wild

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Are you fed up with how useful and informative your Twitter feed is? You can easily take a few steps toward correcting that by following these accounts for a rich vein of occasionally bizarre, but always witty, wordplay.

@dogsdoingthings: I'm tempted to say the name says it all, but it barely scratches the surface of this account's vision of dogs engaged in impossibly high-concept activities, usually with a disdainful eye cast upon their alleged best friend (that would be us.)

@twortmanteaus: A portmanteau is the sometimes awkward collision of two words to make a new one. Think "brunch." For other examples, follow this character who spends the day RTing miscellaneous musings from tweeters, creating new words from their tossed off thoughts.

@dataisplural: Puns tend to be a love or hate thing. If you hate them, you're wrong. If you love them, congratulations on your excellent taste and don't waste another second before following this champion of groan-inducement.

Comments

RE: More Staff Leave Mayor Rob Ford's office, published May 30

Re staff leaving...this doesn't make sense; when considering that fish rot from the head. So doesn't the solution goes without saying? **Lloyd A, posted to metronews.ca**

The only one that should be thrown out of city hall is Rob Ford!!! ASAP!!! The man is a disgrace to the city of Toronto. **punxie89, posted to metronews.ca**

Wait, so he actually admitted to there being a video, and even knowing where it was? If that's true, it's no wonder his staff members are fleeing. **Alison, posted to metronews.ca**

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Synopsis

In Will Smith's new sci-fi movie After Earth he stars as Cypher Raige, a general in the intergalactic peacekeeping organization Ranger Corps. After he is injured in a crash landing on Earth, a planet uninhabited for 1,000 years, his son (Jaden Smith) must navigate the unfamiliar landscape and battle new life forms to signal for help. This week the Reel Guys have a look at the highlights of Will Smith's career and how he left his throne as the prince of Bel-Air to become one of the world's biggest movie stars.

Will Jaden Smith follow in his famous father's footsteps? HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Why we love Will

After Earth. As Smith and son's new film opens this weekend, the Reel Guys reflect on the actor's journey from Fresh Prince to king of Hollywood

Richard: Mark, The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air proved that Will Smith has a flair for broad comedy, so it's surprising that over the years he's played so few funny roles. He's always charming and his films usually have the odd laugh, but rarely has he played it strictly for laughs. In 1993 the safe move for Smith would have been to make a comedy, instead he chose to play a con-man in the serious, talky Six Degrees of Separation. It's a heavyweight role, and he's really good in it. What's your favourite Will Smith role?

Mark: Will Smith must be the most likeable Hollywood star this side of Tom Hanks. I wish I could say I like all his movies, but I can't. I really like his more serious roles. My favourite? The Pursuit of Happyness. His character, based on a true story, is a man caught in desperate financial circumstances, who raises a young boy while homeless. The movie is ultimately uplifting as he becomes a successful stockbroker, but it's a harrowing journey, and Smith plays it to perfection.

RC: In 2008 he played two creatures that don't exist in real life, an alien with an anger management problem and an IRS tax collector with a conscience. Hancock has a dash of Men in Black's wonky humour, a glimpse of his action hero of Independence Day, and a taste of Enemy of the State's troubled paranoiac. Best of all there is absolutely nothing in there that echoes Wild Wild West. In Seven Pounds he's a taxman crushed by the weight of his emotions, a walking zombie who has given up on life. And he's terrific in both movies.

MB: Hancock didn't quite work for me, but Enemy of the State sure did. But I'm such a troubled paranoiac myself I might have liked anybody in the role. Smith is great in Seven Pounds, a weird picture by any standards. But if it's Will Smith as hero you're looking for, he's commanding in all 157 minutes of Ali. And he's suave and debonair in Hitch.

RC: We can't forget Men in Black. The sequels have been (profitable) disappointments, but Smith's Agent J is always fun.

MB: Now that I think of it, if Will Smith is in a movie I don't like, it's the movie I don't like, not Smith. And that includes — shudder — The Legend of Bagger Vance.

Drama

Now You See Me

Director. Louis Leterrier

Stars. Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Woody Harrelson

There's nothing quite like a good heist movie, and if you can throw in a bit of sleight-of-hand, all the better. As a film, Now You See Me seems to know it's not supposed to be much more than a good time, and there's nothing wrong with that. Whoever pulled this ensemble together is the real star here. The Four Horsemen (Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson, Isla Fisher and Dave Franco) take what could've been bad CW drama-level characters and make them imminently watchable.

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Sci-fi/Action

After Earth

Directors. M. Night Shyamalan

Stars. Jaden Smith, Will Smith

After his last few attempts (including 2010's The Last Airbender), expectations for M. Night Shyamalan's films couldn't be lower and After Earth likely won't help matters. A vehicle to re-team Will Smith and his son Jaden, this futuristic thriller crashes the pair on a deserted Earth where they must survive ferociously evolved creatures and seek rescue. While Shyamalan fills the film with plenty of eye-catching effects, wooden dialogue and a shortage on soul keeps its audience at arm's length. **STEVE GOW**

Comedy/Drama

A Wedding Invitation

Director. Ki-hwan Oh

Stars. Baihe Bai, Jiang Jin Fu, Mei-Hsiu Lin

A Wedding Invitation feels like a Chinese amalgamation of every Romantic Comedy trick in the book. It checks all the standard rom-com boxes: a tale of true love belated, a quirky girl, a gay best friend, and a few tragic twists. There's some comedic timing lost in reading subtitles, and the endless parade of chick flick clichés goes on a bit too long, but it's worth a watch if you're in a Hagen-Daas-out-of-the-tub type of mood.

COLIN MCNEIL

Documentary

Fight Like Soldiers, Die Like Children

Director. Patrick Reed

Nearly 20 years after witnessing the Rwandan genocide, General Roméo Dallaire is fighting a desperate—and some say impossible—war against the use of child soldiers. The documentary follows Dallaire through Rwanda and the DR Congo as he works to free child soldiers and promote peace. Though very interesting, the doc doesn't delve deeply enough into any of its subjects (Dallaire, the experiences of child soldiers, efforts to combat their use, etc). A tighter focus would make the film all the more powerful. **REGAN REID**

Drama

The English Teacher

Director. Craig Zisk

Stars. Julianne Moore, Michael Angarano

We'd watch Julianne Moore do the dishes for 90 minutes and give it a passing grade, so good is her on-screen presence. Her latest picture, The English Teacher, sees her shining as usual as a romantic, albeit depressed, middle aged high school teacher who falls into a sexual relationship with a former student and vows to have his unpublished play produced. The subject matter would make for a great drama, but director Craig Zisk plays it at the pitch of tepid sitcom.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Drama

Pieta

Director. Kim Ki-duk

Stars. Lee Jung-jin, Cho Min-soo

It's a good thing Pieta wasn't released earlier this month, for it might be best described as an anti-Mother's Day film. Shocking and sadistic, this award-winning South Korean drama details a cold, crippling loan shark whose solitary life is interrupted by a woman claiming to be his long-lost mom. Fans of veteran Korean filmmaker Kim Ki-duk can expect brutality and violence while others may shun the sheer depravity of the characters.

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To prep for The East, Ellen Page moved west

Eco-activism.
Actress spent time on a settlement that practised 'freeganism' to learn more about her eco footprint

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Ellen Page stars opposite Alexander Skarsgård in The East. HANDOUT

At age 20 Ellen Page became a star playing Juno in the film of the same name. She was nominated for an Academy Award and would go on to make movies like Whip It and Inception, but first she took some time off.

"I studied permaculture, design and eco village development at a place called Lost Valley in Oregon with a lot of people who had the same philosophy — strictly freegan," she says.

Freeganism, or the practice of salvaging discarded food, was just one of the things that fascinated Page during her month-long stay at the settlement. The experience taught her to live more simply and to really think about her relationship with the planet. Her time there also prepared her for The East, a new eco-thriller co-starring Alexander Skarsgård and Britt Marling.

"On top of it being an incredibly beautifully written piece of work, there were so many ideas that I was very excited about and thinking about," she says.

In the film she plays Izzy, a member of a shadowy group of eco-activists called The East — think a more hands-on version of real-life group Anonymous — who live by an anarchist eco code.

"We were able to talk about the experience I had and relate what that does to you as a person when you've been raised with this narrative given to us by the system that exists.

"Then you go experience something that completely flips everything on its head," she says.

"That is a wild ride to go on. Then to walk back out into the world and society, you see things differently."

It's a way of life she thinks about daily.

"Every morning when I wake up and open my eyes I am unwillingly oppressing a lot of people and the environment to live in the privilege that I have — that we all have living in this area of the world. Not that everyone in this area of the world experiences that… and that's a hard thing."

"I think that is something a lot of people are dealing with right now and it is hard to know if running away to the woods and becoming a freegan is the best choice, or do we stay in the infrastructure we've inherited and do our best to create positive change? I don't necessarily know the answer. Maybe I'm just being a selfish jerk."

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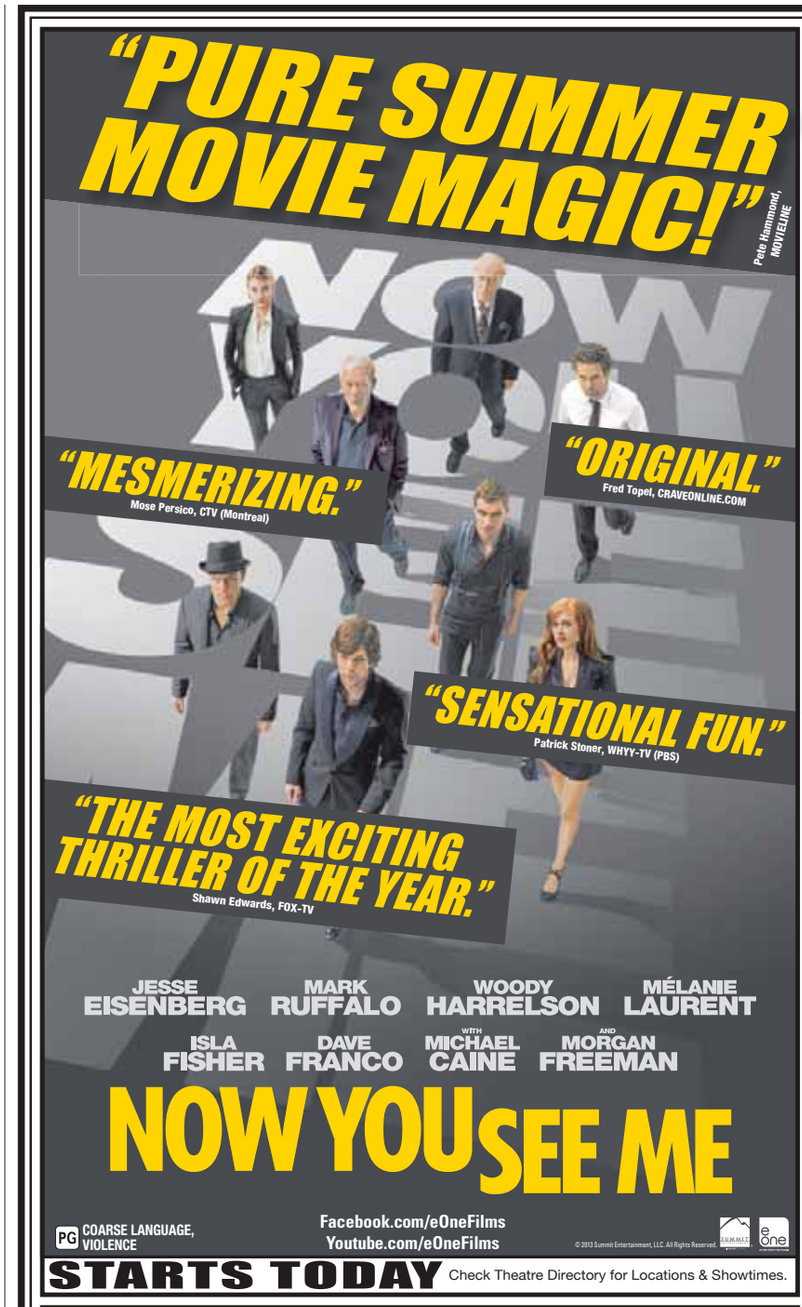

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OMNIMAX Theatre Science World 1455 Quebec St

Flight of the Butterflies (STC) Fri 12-2 Sat-Sun 12-2-4 Mon-Thu 12-2
To the Arctic (G) Fri-Thu 1-3

Dunbar Theatre 4555 Dunbar Street

The Hangover Part III (14A) Fri-Sun 4:15-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30

Fifth Avenue Cinemas 2110 Burrard Street

Kon-Tiki (G) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:20-9:50
Love Is All You Need (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:30
Mud (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:55
The Resurrection of Tony Gitone (STC) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:15-6:50-9:35
The Sapphires (PG) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:40 Thu 1:30-4:20-9:40

Pacific Cinémathèque 1131 Howe Street

Aquí y allá (STC) Fri 8:10 Sat 6:30 Sun 4:15-8:10 Casting Blossoms to the Sky (STC) Thu 6:30
The Dark Harbor (STC) Thu 9:25
Fight Like Soldiers, Die Like Children (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat 4:30-8:35 Sun 6:30
Five Graves to Cairo (STC) Mon 8:30 Wed 6:30
The Major and the Minor (STC) Mon 6:30 Wed 8:20

Park Theatre 3440 Cambie Street

The Great Gatsby 3D (PG) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:50 Sat 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Sun 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:40

Rio on Broadway 1660 E. Broadway

American Mary (18A) Fri-Sat 9:45-11:30 Sun-Mon 9:45
Star Trek Into Darkness (PG) Fri-Thu 7-9:30

Scotiabank Theatre Vancouver 900 Burrard St.

After Earth (PG) Fri 12:15-2:40-5:05-7:40-10:15 Sat 12:15-2:10-2:40-5:05-7:40-10:15 Sun 12:15-2:40-5:05-7:40-10:15 Mon 12:45-2:45-5:05-7:30-10 Tue 12:15-2:40-5:05-7:40-10:15 Wed 1:10-2:45-5:05-7:30-10 Thu 1:10-3:30-7:30-10 Fri 12:40-3:05-5:40-8:15-10:45 Sat 10:20-12:40-3:05-5:40-8:15-10:45 Sun 12:40-3:05-5:40-8:15-10:45 Mon 12:45-3:05-5:30-8-10:30 Tue 12:40-3:05-5:40-8:15-10:45 Wed-Thu 12:45-3:05-5:30-8-10:30
Fast & Furious 6 (14A) No Passes Fri 12:30-1:05-1:30-3:30-4:05-4:30-6:35-7:05-7:30-9:40-10:10-10:35 No Passes Sat 10:35-12:30-1:05-1:30-3:30-4:05-4:30-6:35-7:05-7:30-9:40-10:10-10:35 No Passes Sun 12:30-1:05-1:30-3:30-4:05-4:30-6:35-7:05-7:30-9:40-10:10-10:35 No Passes Mon 1:05-1:25-3-4:05-4:20-6:40-7:05-7:20-9:40-10:05-10:20 No Passes Tue 12:30-1:05-1:30-3:30-4:05-4:30-6:35-7:05-7:30-9:40-10:10-10:35 No Passes Wed 1:05-1:25-3:30-4:05-4:20-6:40-7:05-7:20-9:40-10:05-10:20 No Passes Thu 1:05-1:25-3:30-4:05-4:20-6:40-7:05-7:20-9:40-10:20
The Internship (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Iron Man 3 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05
Iron Man 3 3D (PG) Fri 4:10-7:20-10:30 Sat 10:15-4:10-7:20-10:30 Sun 4:10-7:20-10:30 Mon 4:10-7:10-10:15 Tue 4:10-7:20-10:30 Wed-Thu 4:10-7:10-10:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Giulio Cesare Encore (STC) Sat 9 Mon 6
Star Trek Into Darkness (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10-10:20 Mon 1-4-7-10:10 Tue 1-4-7:10-10:20 Wed-Thu 1-4-7-10:10
Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG) Fri 12:25-1:15-3:35-4:25-6:40-7:35-9:45-10:40 Sat 10:10-12:25-3:35-4:25-6:40-7:35-9:45-10:40 Sun 12:25-1:15-3:35-4:25-6:40-7:35-9:45-10:40 Mon 12:45-1:35-3:35-4:30-7:25-10:25 Tue 12:25-1:15-3:35-4:25-6:40-7:35-9:45-10:40 Wed 12:45-1:35-3:35-4:30-6:45-7:25-9:45-10:25 Thu 12:45-1:35-3:40-4:30-7:25-9:45-10:25

Vancity Theatre Vancouver International Film Centre 1181 Seymour Street

Ain't in It for My Health: A Film About Levon Helm (STC) Mon 8:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue
Pieta (14A) Fri 8:30 Sat 9 Sun 8:10 Wed-Thu 8:30
Wrinkles (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat 5:30-7:15 Sun 4:20-6:15 Mon 6:30 Wed-Thu 6:30

Vancouver Aquarium 4D Experience Theatre 845 Avison Way

The Great Salmon Run 4D Experience (STC) Fri 11:15-12:15-1:15-2:15-3:15-4:15 Sat-Sun 11:15-11:45-12:15-12:45-1:15-1:45-2:15-2:45-3:15-3:45-4:15 Mon-Thu 11:15-12:15-1:15-2:15-3:15-4:15

Esplanade 6 200 West Esplanade

The English Teacher (PG) Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7:10-9:40 Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1-3:45-7:10-9:40 Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40
The Hangover Part III (14A) Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 6:50-7:45-9:30 Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 12:15-1:15-3-4-6:50-7:45-9:30 Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-7:45-9:30
Iron Man 3 (PG) Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 9:35 Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 3:35-9:35 Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 9:35
Iron Man 3 3D (PG) Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 6:40 Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 12:30-6:40 Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 6:40
Now You See Me (PG) Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7-9:50 Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 12:45-3:25-7-9:50 Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 7-9:50
Star Trek Into Darkness (PG) Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 9:45 Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 3:15-9:45 Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 9:45
Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG) Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 6:30 Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 12-6:30 Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 6:30

Park & Tilford 333 Brooksbank Ave.

After Earth (PG) Fri 7:45-10:15 Sat 9:45-12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Epic (G) Fri 7:10 Sat 11:40-2:05-4:40-7:10 Sun 2:05-4:40-7:10 Mon-Thu 7:15 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Epic 3D (G) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat 11-1:35-4:15-6:50-9:20 Sun 1:35-4:15-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:20
Fast & Furious 6 (14A) No Passes Fri 6:45-7:15-9:50-10:20 No Passes Sat 10:15-1:10-3:40-4:10-6:45-7:15-9:50-10:20 No Passes Sun 12:40-1:10-3:40-4:10-6:45-7:15-9:50-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:45-7:05-9:45-10 The Great Gatsby (PG) Fri-Thu 9:40 The Great Gatsby 3D (PG) Fri 7-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:25-3:35-7-10:05 Mon-Thu 7-10:05
The Metropolitan Opera: Giulio Cesare Encore (STC) Sat 9

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2:55-4:40-5:25-7:10-7:55-9:40-10:25 Tue 12-12:45-2:30-3:15-5-5:45-7:30-8:15-10-10:45 Wed-Thu 12:30-2:10-2:55-4:40-5:25-7:10-7:55-9:40-10:25
Chimpanzee (G) Sun 12:45
The Croods (G) Fri 12:05 Sat 9:40-12:05 Sun 12:05 Mon 1:45 Tue 12:05 Wed-Thu 1:45
Epic (G) Fri 1:35-4:10-6:45 Sat 11-1:35-4:10 Sun 1:35-4:10-6:45 Mon 1:30-4:10 Tue 1:35-4:10-6:45 Wed 2:05-4:35-7:05 Thu 4:35-7:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Epic 3D (G) Fri 12-2:30-5-7:35-10:10 Sat 9:10-11:45-2:20-4:55-7:35-10:10 Sun 11:45-2:20-4:55-7:35-10:10 Mon 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:50-10:15 Tue 12-2:30-5-7:35-10:10 Wed-Thu 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:50-10:15
Fast & Furious 6 (14A) No Passes Fri 12:20-1-3:20-4:05-6:35-7:15-9:50-10:25 No Passes Sat 9:20-10-12:20-1-3:20-4:05-6:35-7:15-9:50-10:25 No Passes Sun 12:20-1-3:20-4:05-6:35-7:15-9:50-10:25 No Passes Mon 12:35-1-3:35-4-6:35-6:55-9:35-10 No Passes Tue 12:20-1-3:20-4:05-6:35-7:15-9:50-10:25 No Passes Wed 12:35-1-3:35-4-6:35-6:55-9:35-10 No Passes Thu 12:35-1-3:35-4-6:35-6:55-10 No Passes Fri 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:50 No Passes Sat 10:40-1:40-4:40-7:45-10:50 No Passes Sun 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:50 No Passes Mon 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 No Passes Tue 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:50 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25
The Great Gatsby (PG) Fri 12:40-7:20 Sat 9:25-12:40-7:20 Sun 12:40-7:20 Mon 12:50-7:15 Tue 12:40-7:20 Wed-Thu 12:50-7:15 The Great Gatsby 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 3:55-10:35 Mon 4-10:30 Tue 3:55-10:35 Wed-Thu 4-10:30
The Hangover Part III (14A) Fri 12:30-12:55-2:35-3-3:30-5:05-5:35-6:05-7:30-8-8:30-10:05-10:35-11:05 Sat 9:55-12:30-12:55-2:35-3-3:30-5:05-5:35-6:05-7:30-8-8:30-10:05-10:35-11:05 Sun 12:30-12:55-2:35-3-3:30-5:05-5:35-6:05-7:30-8-8:30-10:05-10:35-10:55 Mon 12:35-2:30-3-4:20-4:55-5:30-6:50-7:20-8-9:20-9:55-10:30 Tue 12:30-12:55-2:35-3-3:30-5:05-5:35-6:05-7:30-8-8:30-10:05-10:35-10:55 Wed-Thu 12:35-2:30-3-4:20-4:55-5:30-6:50-7:20-8-9:20-9:55-10:30
The Internship (PG) No Passes Sat 7 No Passes Mon 7 No Passes Thu 10
Iron Man 3 (PG) Fri 12:10-3:10-6:25-9:40 Sat 9:15-12:10-3:10-6:25-9:40 Sun 12:10-3:10-6:25-9:40 Mon 12:40-3:45-6:45-9:50 Tue 12:10-3:10-6:25-9:40 Wed-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:45-9:50
Iron Man 3 3D (PG) Fri 1:05-4:15-7:25-10:40 Sat 10-1:05-4:15-7:25-10:40 Sun 1:05-4:15-7:25-10:40 Mon 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Tue 1:05-4:15-7:25-10:40 Wed-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Giulio Cesare Encore (STC) Sat 9
Mud (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat 10:15 Sun 9:30 Mon 10 Tue 9:30 Wed 9:45
Now You See Me (PG) Fri 2-4:50-7:40-10:30 Sat 11:15-2-4:50-7:40-10:30 Sun 2-4:50-7:40-10:30 Mon 2-4:50-7:35-10:20 Tue 2-4:50-7:40-10:30 Wed 2-4:50-7:35-10:20 Thu 4:50-7:35-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Purge (14A) No Passes Thu 10
Shark Tale (G) Sat 11
Star Trek Into Darkness (PG) Fri 12:15-3:25-6:30-9:45 Sat-Sun 3:25-6:30-9:45 Mon 12:40-3:35-6:30-9:30 Tue 12:15-3:25-6:30-9:45 Wed-Thu 12:40-3:35-6:30-9:30
Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG) Fri 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:55 Sat 10:10-1:20-4:30-7:40-10:55 Sun 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:55 Mon 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:35 Tue 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:55 Wed-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:35
Star Trek Into Darkness: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:20 Mon 12:45-3:50-7-10:05 Tue 12:50-4-7:10-10:20 Wed-Thu 12:45-3:50-7-10:05
A Wedding Invitation (G) Fri 12-2:40-5:10-7:50-10:20 Sat 9:30-12-2:40-5:10-7:50-10:20 Sun 12-2:40-5:10-7:50-10:20 Mon 12:45-3:05-5:25-7:50-10:20 Tue 12-2:40-5:10-7:50-10:20 Wed-Thu 12:45-3:05-5:25-7:50-10:20
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (STC) Fri-Sun 1:45-5:30-9:15 Mon 1:50-5:35-9:15 Tue 1:45-5:30-9:15 Wed-Thu 1:50-5:35-9:15

Dolphin Cinemas 4555 E. Hastings St.

Epic (G) Fri 5-7:10-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:45-2:50-5-7:10-9:20 Mon-Thu 5-7:10-9:20
The Hangover Part III (14A) Fri 5:15-7:25-9:35 Sat-Sun 1-3:05-5:15-7:25-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:15-7:25-9:35

SilverCity Metropolis 4700 Kingsway Ave.

After Earth (PG) Fri 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:30
Epic (G) Fri-Sun 11:45 Mon 1:50 Tue 11:45 Wed-Thu 1:50
Epic 3D (G) Fri-Sun 2:20-4:55-7:30-10:05 Mon 4:25-7-9:35 Tue 2:20-4:55-7:30-10:05 Wed-Thu 4:25-7-9:35
Fast & Furious 6 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:20 No Passes Mon 1:05-4:05-7:10-10:15 No Passes Tue 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:20 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:10-10:15 No Passes Fri 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 11-1:55-4:55-8-11 No Passes Mon 1:35-4:35-7:40-10:45 No Passes Tue 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:50 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:35-4:35-7:40-10:45
The Great Gatsby (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-6:45 Mon 12:30 Tue 12:15-6:45 Wed 12:30-6:55 Thu 12:30-6:50
The Great Gatsby 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 3:30-10 Mon 3:45-10:10 Tue 3:30-10 Wed 3:45-10:10 Thu 3:40
The Hangover Part III (14A) Fri 1-3:30-6-8:30-11 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:20-5:50-8:20-10:50 Mon 12:55-3:30-7:30-10:30 Tue 1-3:30-6-8:30-11 Wed-Thu 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40
The Internship (PG) No Passes Thu 10
Iron Man 3 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05
Iron Man 3 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4:15-7:25-10:35
The Metropolitan Opera: Giulio Cesare Encore (STC) Mon 6
Now You See Me (PG) Fri-Sat 1:55-4:45-7:35-10:25 Sun 11:10-1:55-4:45-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:45-7:35-10:25
The Purge (14A) No Passes Thu 10
Shark Tale (G) Sat 11
Star Trek Into Darkness (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:50-10 Mon 12:30-3:45 Tue 12:30-3:40-6:50-10 Wed 12:30-3:40-10 Thu 12:30-3:40-6:50
Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:20-7:30-10:40 Mon 1:05-4:10-7:20-10:30 Tue 1:15-4:20-7:30-10:40 Wed-Thu 1:05-4:10-7:20-10:30

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After Earth (PG) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:05 Mon 4:50-7:30-10:05 Tue 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:05 Wed-Thu 4:50-7:30-10:05 Fri-Thu 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:45 Sat 11:15
Chimpanzee (G) Sun 12:45
The Croods (G) Fri 1:30-4 Sat 11:05-1:30-4 Sun-Thu 1:30-4
Epic (G) Fri 1:25-4:05-6:45 Sat 11-1:30-4:05 Sun 1:25-4:05-6:45 Mon 1:25-4:05 Tue-Thu 1:25-4:05-6:45
Epic 3D (G) Fri-Sun 11:55-2:25-4:55-7:30-10:10 Mon 2:25-4:55-7:30-10:10 Tue 11:55-2:25-4:55-7:30-10:10 Wed-Thu 2:25-4:55-7:30-10:10
Fast & Furious 6 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:35-4:40-7:45-10:50 No Passes Mon 1:35-4:35-7:40-10:40 No Passes Tue 1:35-4:40-7:45-10:50 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:35-4:35-7:40-10:40 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-7-10:05 No Passes Mon 12:50-3:50-7-10:05 No Passes Tue 12:30-3:40-7-10:05 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:50-3:50-7-10:05 No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10-10:25 No Passes Mon 4-7:10-10:25 No Passes Tue 1-4-7:10-10:25 No Passes Wed-Thu 4-7:10-10:25
The Great Gatsby (PG) Fri-Wed 6:40-9:55 Thu 6:40
The Great Gatsby 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:55-7:20-10:40 Mon 12:55-4:05-7:20-10:35 Tue 12:35-3:55-7:20-10:40 Wed-Thu 12:55-4:05-7:20-10:35
The Hangover Part III (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-2-3:15-4:30-5:50-7:05-8:25-9:40-11 Mon 12:45-2-3:10-4:30-5:35-7:05-8:05-9:40-10:35 Tue 12:40-2-3:15-4:30-5:50-7:05-8:25-9:40-11 Wed-Thu 12:45-2-3:10-4:30-5:35-7:05-8:05-9:40-10:35
Fri-Sun 12:20-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:45 Mon 5:30-8:10-10:45 Tue 12:20-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:45 Wed-Thu 5:30-8:10-10:45
The Internship (PG) No Passes Sat 7 No Passes Mon 7 No Passes Thu 10
Iron Man 3 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:25-6:50-9:50 Mon 2:10-5:10-8:10 Tue 12:20-3:25-6:50-9:50 Wed 5:10-8:10 Thu 2:10-5:10-8:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Iron Man 3 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:25-10:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Giulio Cesare Encore (STC) Sat 9
Now You See Me (PG) Fri 1:55-4:45-7:35-10:25 Sat 11:10-1:55-4:45-7:35-10:25 Sun-Tue 1:55-4:45-7:35-10:25 Wed 4:45-7:35-10:25 Thu 1:55-4:45-7:35-10:25 Fri-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:45-9:40 Mon 3:40-6:45-9:40 Tue 12:40-3:30-6:45-9:40 Wed-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

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Pain & Gain (14A) Fri 9:20 Sat 9:50 Sun 9:20 Mon 9:50 Tue-Wed 9:20
The Purge (14A) No Passes Thu 10
Shark Tale (G) Sat 11
Star Trek Into Darkness (PG) Fri 1:05-2:20-4:10-5:25-7:15-8:30-10:20 Sat 1:05-2:25-4:10-5:25-7:15-8:30-10:20 Sun 1:05-2:50-4:10-5:50-7:15-8:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:05-2:20-4:10-5:25-7:15-8:30-10:20

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Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:50-7:55-10:55 Mon 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:45 Tue 1:45-4:50-7:55-10:55 Wed-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:45 Fri-Sun 12-3:05-6:15-9:20 Mon 3:15-6:15-9:20 Tue 12-3:05-6:15-9:20 Wed-Thu 3:15-6:15-9:20

Clova
5732-176th St. Surrey

Epic (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:30-7 Mon-Thu 7

Hollywood 3 Cinema
7125-138th Street, Surrey,

The Big Wedding (PG) Fri-Mon 4:30
The Croods (G) Sat-Sun 2:30
The Croods 3D (G) Fri 4:45-6:50 Sat-Sun 12:45-4:45-6:50 Mon-Thu 4:45-6:50
Escape From Planet Earth (G) Sat-Sun 12:30
Escape From Planet Earth 3D (G) Sat-Sun 2:50
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG) Fri-Thu 9:35
Hell and Mr. Fudge (G) Fri 9
Oblivion (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30
Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Fri 4:30-7:05 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:30-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:05
Oz the Great and Powerful 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 8:55
Pain & Gain (14A) Sat-Thu 9

Strawberry Hill Grande
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey

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Montreal's DJ Champion returns to music after recovering from cancer

A Champion. Maxime Morin releases 1, a journey through the recent years of his life

DJ Champion was diagnosed with cancer but he was convinced it wasn't his time to die — yet. PAUL CHIASSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Montreal's DJ Champion was diagnosed with cancer three years ago, he felt strangely confident he could fight it. The outlook for his career, however, appeared terminal.

"I gave up on music," said the 43-year-old musician, born Maxime Morin, from his home recently.

"It was very important for me at that time to get better, to just say: 'OK, I'm done with music. As of now, I do not consider myself a musician anymore. I do not consider myself anything. Just a human being trying to stay alive.'

"We're talking about life — my own life," he added. "Don't (mess) with it. So stop pretending to be someone, and just be alive."

He succeeded there, and as the threat of cancer dissipated, Morin re-engaged with music — resulting in last Tuesday's release of the expressive, elegant 1.

But it's easy to understand why this orchestral feat once seemed an impossible dream.

When Morin was diagnosed with Stage 3 lymphoma in spring 2010, his doctor believed he had only about two or three months to live.

But she didn't share that dire prognostication with the Quebec turntable maestro.

"They don't tell you that when you're about to die," he said with a hearty laugh, showcasing the gallows humour that appears to have become second nature.

"If you have a good doctor, they won't tell you. My doctor didn't tell me that.

Because the first time I saw her, she was very subtle, very calm."

Morin was to have eight treatments and begin medication. And he was going to survive.

"She told me with her conviction ... she was going to heal me, and save me," he recalled. "That's it, that's all. No questions asked. "I was convinced that it wasn't my time," he added. "Yes, I was going to die, but not that day, not that year, not right now. I was convinced of that."

He was right, which he'd find out about six months later. Morin was given a clean bill of health. Asked how he feels now, he responds with characteristic wit.

"I'm a used car," he says. "But I'm OK."

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The album

- 1 certainly is new, a marked departure from DJ Champion's previous work — which was often characterized by the inspired alchemy of such seemingly disparate genres as grunge, electronic, soul and dance.
- On his latest work, Champion is uncommonly focused, creating an ornately orchestrated journey through the harrowing but ultimately triumphant recent years of his life. He's still incorporating giddy bits from every corner of his record collection — with guitars and electro baubles gleaming above the surface — but the album's ever-present strings bind the mix to a symphonic sonic framework.
- Champion said the album is meant to represent him, warts and all. "I wanted to be transparent," he said. "This is who I am. This is what I am. That's why no blues songs or blues-grunge songs are there. I wanted to show I can't sing. I'm a bad singer. That's who I am."

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There's nothing boring about AC/DC, Rihanna and a cello or two

Music. Legendary producer Bob Ezrin had 2Cellos on his radar since watching YouTube video

The first time Canadian producer Bob Ezrin saw 2Cellos perform, the conditions weren't exactly optimal for the Croatian duo.

They were opening for Elton John in Orlando, with 16,500 people on hand who — Ezrin notes — had virtually no interest in watching 2Cellos. They weren't so much inhospitable as indifferent.

"The show starts with Elton on this big screen and his disembodied voice and he says: 'There's two young musicians that I'd like to introduce you to. They come from Croatia,'" Ezrin recalled.

"And when he said the word 'Croatia,' you could hear the whole audience go: 'Zzzz,'"

he added, laughingly mimicking the crowd's collective snoring. "And then they hear Cellos and everyone's on their BlackBerrys. They had tuned out. 'Ladies and gentlemen, the 2Cellos!' I think four hands applauded."

But Ezrin listened, and soon, so did everyone else.

Cello partner!

Hauser has been playing cello since he was eight, Sulic since he was five. They met at age 14 at a summer-music camp in Europe.

- "Straight away we found a chemistry," Sulic said. "I said: 'Oh, look at that lunatic. I want to play with him.'"
- They were widely considered to be rivals, given that they were two phenomenal young cellists from the same small country. But they always considered themselves "great friends."

Canadian producer Bob Ezrin, centre, poses for a photo with 2Cellos members Luka Sulic, left, and Stjepan Hauser in Toronto on May 23.
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"They come out on stage, they plug in and ... it's loud, it's powerful, and it's rocking. So from the first note, they got everyone's attention."

And Ezrin's, more so than anyone else's. He already had 2Cellos on his radar since watching a YouTube video of the classically trained duo — the jocular Stjepan Hauser and his more stoic partner, Luka Sulic — using their cellos for a rousing, powerful cover of Michael Jackson's nimble classic "Smooth Criminal," a clip that has now been viewed nearly 8.5 million times.

Not long after taking in their performance with John, Ezrin was driving from Nashville to Evansville, Ind., to meet the pair at a "fleabag motel" and start mapping out the track list for their major-label debut In2ition. Released earlier this year, the album includes an impressive array of guests — including John himself on Oh, Well, virtuoso guitarist Steve Vai on a cover of AC/DC's Highway to Hell, Glee star Naya Rivera belting out Muse's Supermassive Black Hole and star Chinese pianist Lang Lang on Coldplay's Clocks.

In addition to those songs, 2Cellos also interpret Rihanna's neon-hued dance smash We Found Love, the Police's brooding classic Every Breath You Take and the Prodigy's frenetic Voodoo People.

So what did the legendary Toronto producer behind such smashes as Pink Floyd's The Wall, Kiss's Destroyer and Alice Cooper's School's Out see in the pair? For one thing, that they had the ability to illustrate the immense possibilities of an instrument typically associated exclusively with classical music.

"They're playing everything — they go from hip hop to high classical, so to be able to share that with kids is great because it shows them that music is a very broad thing and it also in a very kind of unconscious way shows them that they can express themselves in a very broad way."

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Someone so loved Daft Punk's Random Access Memories that they've covered the entire record using chickens. Wait until you get to the chorus.

Let's Learn/ The Moranbong Band

Not to be outdone by the K-Pop coming from their capitalist southern cousins, North Korea offers this state-sanctioned girl group to the proletariat. Must be seen to be believed.

Reach for the Dead (Reversed) /Boards of Canada

What does it say about this Scottish band's upcoming album Tomorrow's Harvest that fans will listen to it forwards and backwards? And that it sounds good in both directions?

It's Romeo and Juliet — the record label edition

Elvis Costello poses for a portrait with drummer Ahmir 'Questlove' Thompson of The Roots. DAN HALLMAN/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Elvis Costello and The Roots teamed up for a new album, they knew their pairing was unlikely and unconventional, so they secretly recorded music without the approval of their record labels.

"Sometimes if you ... get the record company involved, then people have ambition rather than starting to play, so we started to play," Costello said in a recent interview.

"We did it without a label or deadline pressure," said Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson as he sat next to Costello. "This absolutely was a passion project."

They began recording Wise Up Ghost, which will be released Sept. 17, two years ago. It's a moody, 12-track album that features both new songs and others borrowed from Costello's catalogue, including the drum-filled Sugar Won't Work, which samples from You Left Me in the Dark, and the soft and simple Tripwire, which takes from Satellite.

The Roots first collaborated with Costello on NBC's Late Night With Jimmy Fallon, where the hip-hop group is the house band. They also worked with the 58-year-old British rocker at a Prince tribute concert in March.

"This is like our dream — that's all I can say," a smiling Questlove said. "This is the first project at Fallon where I'm making my musical dreams come true."

Longtime Roots collaborator Steven Mandel co-produced Wise Up Ghost with Questlove and Costello.

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Little green men go under the microscope

Would E.T. be as cuddly and warm in real life or the opposite? AP/UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Aliens: The Definitive Guide. New show asks the finest scientific minds what they believe about E.T.s and U.F.Os

Maybe those science-fiction scenarios about killer robots from space invading the Earth aren't so far-fetched after all.

Aliens bearing little resemblance to Steven Spielberg's cuddly E.T. might actually eye Earth for its potential slaves and to plunder its natural resources, say scientists interviewed in Aliens: The Definitive Guide, a new documentary being broadcast Sunday on Discovery Canada.

In short, they might be a lot like humans were when they explored new lands. But don't go running for the shelters just yet. Even if aliens are headed for us now, space travel can take thousands of years using currently known technology, which probably rules out the possibility of any malevolent E.T.s touching down during our lifetime, anyway.

Producer Alan Handel says aliens are a "never-ending preoccupation" for people, so making the documentary was a no-brainer. He says surveys indicate that many Canadians believe extra-terrestrials exist and may already have dropped in. "I just think it's a really neat concept to say, 'OK, let's take it seriously and go to some of the best scientific minds in the world and ask their opinion."'

However, Aliens: The Definitive Guide isn't a tale of extra-terrestrial terror and instead entertainingly poses an exhaustive list of questions about who may be beyond the stars.

What planets might have life? How might its inhabitants get here? What would they look like? And what are their possible intentions?

These are some of the queries pondered in the two-hour film by Montreal's Handel Productions and U.K.-based Arrow Media. A theoretical physicist at City University of New York scoffs at anyone who tries to suggest we're the only life forms in the universe.

"Gimme a break," Michio Kaku says in the documentary. "I mean, how many stars are out there in the universe anyway? The Hubble Space Telescope can see about a 100 billion galaxies — that's the visible universe," he says. "Each galaxy consists of 100 billion stars. Do the math."

All the scientists agreed that any alien who touched down on Earth would be pretty advanced scientifically.

Handel describes himself as a "professional skeptic" when it comes to extra-terrestrial life and UFOs. He says he was surprised by the number of planets that might support life in some form and the extent of the likelihood that alien life could visit Earth. "It was really surprising to me. I had no idea. I think it's a program that's full of surprises and revelations."

"It's interesting to do a kind of reality check on science fiction and see how far away we are from that vision being real, or real down the road."

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Hemsworth's bros pushed for breakup

After weeks of breakup rumours, Miley Cyrus and fiancé Liam Hemsworth have reportedly called it quits, according to Us Weekly.

"They are definitely over," a source says.

The split was apparently precipitated by Hemsworth's older brothers, Chris and Luke, staging an intervention about his love life in April.

Cyrus and Hemsworth have been engaged since July.

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The Word

Settle down Twihards — Rob and Katy just friends

Robert Pattinson has been leaning a lot on pal Katy Perry in the wake of his split from Kristen Stewart — so much so that it's beginning to turn heads.

But sources insist to E! News that their pairing is strictly platonic.

"Nothing is going on between Rob and Katy. They are just super-good friends. There is nothing romantic about it," a source says.

"Rob and Katy are just very similar people and she adores him, as a friend, and she just wants to be there for him as a mate."

As for Pattinson's relationship coming to an end, the Twilight star is reportedly taking it in stride.

"Rob is doing fine since the breakup," the source adds.

"He is not particularly cut up about it or anything. He is doing just fine."

David Beckham

Grill it like Beckham

With his days playing soccer behind him, David Beckham is clearly on the lookout for new ways to spend his time.

One way, as it turns out, is teaming with pal Gordon Ramsay to open a sports bar and grill in the Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas, according to the Sun.

"The Strip has never seen such fierce competition for food, but Gordon's places are full seven nights a week," a source tells the newspaper.

"When you add David Beckham's global status into the mix it has the potential to be the most talked about restaurant in Vegas."

But not so fast, everybody. Beckham's rep insists that the rumours of the Vegas joint venture are completely unfounded, though they are opening a London restaurant, Union Street Cafe, in September.

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Liven up your s'mores

This campfire classic can be easily jazzed up. All you need is a few extra ingredients and creativity.

Toasted Mocha

- 1 marshmallow
- 1-oz piece dark chocolate with espresso
- 2 snickerdoodle cookies

Toast marshmallow on skewer. Place it and chocolate between snickerdoodles, using top cookie to clamp marshmallow in place and help remove it from skewer. Squish the cookies together.

Sesame Carmel

- 1 marshmallow
- 1-oz piece caramel-filled chocolate
- 2 pieces sesame crisp bread

Toast marshmallow on skewer. Carefully put it and caramel-filled chocolate between crisp bread, using top piece to clamp the marshmallow in place and help remove it from skewer. Squish crisps together.

Salted Oatmeal

- 1 marshmallow
- 1-oz piece sea salted dark chocolate
- 1 square soft caramel, flattened with your palms
- 2 oatmeal cookies

Toast marshmallow on skewer and place it, chocolate and caramel between cookies, using top cookie to clamp marshmallow in place. Squish cookies together.

Double Choco Grasshopper

- 1 marshmallow
- 2 mint-filled chocolates
- 2 chocolate graham crackers

Toast marshmallow on skewer. Place it and chocolates between graham crackers, using the top cracker to help remove marshmallow from skewer. Squish.

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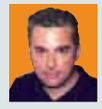
Liquid Assets

Grown-up apple juice



LIQUID ASSETS
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Rejoice apple lovers, for I predict this will be the summer of cider.

It's been a long time coming in Canada. You'd think that as an apple-producing country, fermented apple juice would be a hot commodity. But unlike our drinking compatriots in Europe, we've relegated it to second tier beverage status.

You don't have to be a Coronation Street fan to know Brits enjoy a pint of the thirst-quenching stuff — it's an on-tap standard at pubs across the U.K.

Since they are both easy-drinkers, I've no doubt that there's a correlation between the exploding craft beer industry and the way consumers are embracing the wave of specialty cider hitting our shores.

Foundry Golden Cider (500 ml, $3 to $3.95) is a tasty place to start. Classically English, it offers a dry, crisp apple fruit flavour with a touch of effervescence that makes it a great seasonal food companion (think anything grilled).

Don't let global brands distract you from the many ciders being produced in your own backyard. This is one trend making it easy to drink local. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

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Grilled simplicity: Sausage with Peppers

1. Heat grill to high. While it heats, set bell peppers on grill grates. Cook, turning occasionally, until skin blackens and blisters. Remove peppers grill and place each one in lunch-size paper bag. Close bags and let rest until cool to the touch.

2. Carefully rub off and discard the skin from peppers, then cut out and discard cores. Cut each pepper into strips; set aside.

3. After peppers are done, close grill lid and wait for grill to reach 550 F. Once grill is at temperature, adjust one side to medium and other to very low to allow for indirect grilling.

4. Prick each sausage with toothpick in few places to ensure that they won't explode on grill. Place sausages directly on clean cooking grates on cooler side of grill. Cook, turning occasionally, about 30 minutes, or until browned and sizzling. Remove from grill, let sit 3 minutes. Serve on bun with fire-roasted peppers, brown mustard. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ELIZABETH KARMEL, AUTHOR OF SOAKED, SLATHERED AND SEASONED**

Ingredients

- 3 red or yellow bell peppers
- 4 uncooked sausages, such as bratwurst, beer brats, etc.
- 4 hard rolls
- Spicy brown German mustard

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Vancouver Craft Beer Week

Check out the third annual nine-day celebration of fermentation — starting Friday — with a record number of participating breweries, events and plenty of fun. This year, there are six special signature events. Brothers In Hops ($75) is one worth noting, as is BierCraft's Belgian Beer Showcase. For more information on the event and to purchase tickets, visit: vancouvercraftbeerweek.com.

The Art of Beauty at Holt Renfrew

Plan ahead and be sure to grab a ticket to attend this fun, must-do event that will have you in the middle of all the fashionable action at Vancouver's Holt Renfrew. In support of the Arts Umbrella's bursary and outreach programs, sip wine while you enjoy a night out with friends, get pampered, check out the latest trends for summer and score tips and tricks from holistic health coaches and nutritionists. Walk away with a sweet bag of treats. The event runs Tuesday. For more info and to purchase tickets visit: artsumbrella.com/indulge

Animal House anyone?

It's the perfect throwback to your college days. Thirteen houses will play host to one giant, conjoined house party, which will include plenty of music, magic, comedy and dance — as well as a touch of burlesque — from June 7 to 9. Take in shadow puppetry, enjoy a comedy show and groove to the beats of noteworthy DJs and musicians. Fuel up at the community potluck and mingle with new friends. Visit inthehousefestival.com for details and to purchase your ticket in advance.

City of Bhangra Festival

Get ready to celebrate the ninth annual City of Bhangra Festival running until Saturday June 8. Welcome back HSBC Bank Canada as the title sponsor of the festival for the second time. The HSBC City of Bhangra Festival is set to be one of the biggest must-see spring events in Metro Vancouver. This year's festival lineup includes various independent events, hundreds of performers and international artists from the UK, U.S. and India. For more information, visit: vibc.org/festival-info

Have a doggone good time

Be sure to check out the first annual Rock for Paws on Friday in support of Paws for Hope Organization. This event will feature local bands (Eddy Olson Jr. and Duotone, as well as The Off Sales and Bad Wougar), plenty of reasons to party and more. All proceeds from tickets will support Paws programs such as Roxy's Fund (that helps support homeless, low-income pet guardians as well as the Guardian Angel Fund, which helps provide medical support and more). To learn more visit: pawsforhope.org.

Dunbar Block Party

On Sunday, be sure to ring in the month by heading out to celebrate community at this great event. Enjoy a huge barbecue fundraiser (with proceeds going directly to the Vancouver Food Bank), explore the plethora of local businesses in this quaint neighbourhood and their stylish offerings, and check out the urban market, golf station and live, mural-painting taking place (rain or shine). Live music and plenty of street eats will be on offer to keep you satisfied.

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Good nutrition for man's best friend

Healthy diet. Select high-quality, reputable commercial food for your canine companion

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Select a diet specific to your pet's needs to ensure it lives a healthy life. DEKLOFENAK/VEER

It's difficult watching your dog woefully begging for a few of your table scraps. While it might be tempting to scrape your plate into Fido's bowl, is it really a good idea?

"Dogs have distinct nutritional needs, different from humans," said Dr. Donna Curtin, a board member with the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association and a veterinarian with a specific expertise and interest in dog nutrition. "Studies show that after two or three months of eating food that is not specifically prepared or formulated for dogs, they become nutrient deficient."

In order to ensure your dog enjoys a healthy diet, here are a few things you should be considering when feeding your canine companion.

Feed your dog a balanced diet. All-meat diets, table scraps or dog foods that are not optimally formulated to meet a dog's nutritional needs are not the best choices. "Select a high-quality, reputable, commercial food for your dog," Curtin said. "They're formulated to ensure your dog receives all the valuable nutrients he can absorb."

Hard and soft foods are both good for your pet. According to Curtin, "both are good, and if your dog learns to eat both then neither will be strange or foreign." Some dog owners worry that canned food isn't good for their dog's teeth, but Curtin says otherwise. "Canned food doesn't cause dental disease any more than kibble. If you're looking for a food that helps the teeth, there are diets specifically formulated to clean them."

Select a diet specific to your pet's needs. Pick a formulation that works best for your dog's needs. "Work with your veterinarian to determine the best formulation for your dog based on his specific age, breed and health concerns," Curtin said.

How much is too much?

"If dog food is formulated by a reputable company, you can follow the guidelines on the packaging," said Dr. Donna Curtin, a board member with the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association. "Dog food companies have done feeding trials to ensure they know how much you should be giving your dog."

However, consider such things as your dog's age and lifestyle — if your pet is sedentary or older it may not need as much food.

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Feed your dog at specific feeding times, don't just leave food down all the time. ANDRESR/VEER

Feeding time. Don't let Rover go overboard

Feeding your dog should be simple, so here are some easy ways you can optimize your pet's diet and lifestyle.

1 Don't leave the food down all the time. Just feed your dog at their specific feeding time. "Dogs won't self-regulate, which means they can end up eating too much and becoming obese," said Dr. Donna Curtin, an Ontario Veterinary Medical Association board member and veterinarian with a specific expertise and interest in dog nutrition.

2 Keep the water bowl clean. It's vital that your dog always has a ready supply of clean water. Be sure to top it up after your dog has been active or spent time outside in the summer heat. "This is especially true for little dogs, because it dilutes their urine and makes them less prone to urinary crystals, which form together to make bladder stones," Curtin said.

3 Watch the treats. "Dog treats are formulated to be given to your pet occasionally, so limit treats to once or twice daily," Curtin said. Filling up on treats may make your dog lose interest in its meals, so consider a game of fetch, a belly rub or a cuddle — your dog will love that just as much.

4 Get healthy together. Walk your dog at least once a day to keep your pet's heart, bones and muscles healthy and to help maintain a healthy weight. Just letting your dog out in the backyard won't ensure it gets the exercise it needs. Get out and walk, throw a ball or play a game of soccer together. "It's great pet bonding time, too," Curtin said. And keeping your dog active means you are exercising, too, which benefits you both. MICHELLE WILLIAMS

Maintaining a healthy weight

- You want to be sure your dog maintains a healthy weight — that means "you should be able to see your dog's 'waist' and you should easily be able to feel her ribs," said Dr. Donna Curtin, a board member with the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association. If not, you may reconsider what you feed your dog and how much you are feeding it. Don't forget that if your dog has weight challenges, it's also important to add more exercise to its routine.

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SPORTS 4

Coach's job not in jeopardy: President

Soccer. Martin Rennie still has support of the club, says Bob Lenarduzzi

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Vancouver Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi has given head coach Martin Rennie a vote of confidence, despite a growing number of frustrating results, the most recent being the loss of the Voyageurs Cup.

The Whitecaps held a one-goal lead over the Montreal Impact in the Amway Canadian Championship final on Wednesday at BC Place Stadium, but conceded a late goal off a corner kick in a heartbreaking 2-2 draw.

The Whitecaps, who earned a pair of draws with the Impact in the two-leg final, lost the Cup on away goals.

Vancouver's Major League Soccer side is currently eighth out of nine teams in the Western Conference standings, with a 3-4-4 record and six points out of a playoff spot.

The Whitecaps have just one win in their last nine regular-season games.

And the Voyageurs Cup, which the club has never won but finished as the runner-up now five years running, was ripped away from them on another soft goal off a set piece.

However, amid the struggles and disappointment, Rennie's job is not, at this moment, in jeopardy.

"That's not even something you consider at this point," said Lenarduzzi in a phone interview Thursday morning.

"The support for Martin and the coaching staff and the players will continue to be there. If we play like we did (Wednesday night) and eliminate those individual mistakes, we will win more games than we lose."

The sting of losing the championship so late in the match and having to watch Montreal's players hoist the chalice on the Whitecaps' home soil was evident with the fans, players and coaches of Vancouver's club.

Frustration has replaced sorrow, as people seek answers. Pinning it on the coach seems a natural reaction, although perhaps premature.

"I don't really feel any more pressure than I ever have when I've coached," said Rennie, who is in just his second season with the Whitecaps.

"I don't feel pressure as in being worried about things. I'm more focused on what we have to do next."

Martin Rennie's job as head coach of the Whitecaps isn't in jeopardy, says team president Bob Lenarduzzi. GETTY IMAGES FILE

M.I.A.

Trio won't suit up against Red Bulls

The Vancouver Whitecaps are on the road to play the New York Red Bulls, the top team in the Eastern Conference with a 7-4-4 record, on Saturday.

The Whitecaps are still looking for their first regular-season win on the road.

They will be without striker Darren Mattocks (international call-up), and midfielders Nigel Reo-Coker (suspension due to yellow card accumulation) and Gershon Koffie (injury).

Program of Excellence

Giants goalie gets invite to Hockey Canada camp

Vancouver Giants goalie Payton Lee will be among six goalies in the Under-18 level at the Hockey Canada Program of Excellence Goaltender Camp next month.

The camp, which brings in the nation's top 19 goalies combined in the U-18 and U-20 levels, runs June 13-16 in Calgary.

Last season, Lee, then a 16-year-old rookie, compiled a 14-20-1 record in 36 games played for the Giants.

METRO

Tennis

Former French Open champ upset in 2nd round

Interrupted by a rain delay, 2011 French Open champion Li Na lost to American Bethanie Mattek-Sands 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 in the second round at Roland Garros on Thursday.

Following the second delay of the match, Mattek-Sands won seven consecutive games to take a 5-love lead in the final set. She served out the victory with the sun shining and rain falling.

Li was seeded sixth. Since winning her lone major title, she has lost in the first or second round at four of the eight Grand Slams.

Mattek-Sands, ranked 67th, matched her best showing at Roland Garros. She failed to qualify for the Australian Open in January and arrived in Paris with a 10-8 record this year.

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Low-scoring Kings in rush to help their goalie

NHL playoffs. Could be a speedy exit for L.A. if high-flying Chicago solves red-hot Quick

Kings goalie Jonathan Quick leads the playoffs in goals-against average (1.50), save percentage (.948) and shutouts (3). MARK J. TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

After a rare day off for rest and contemplation, the Los Angeles Kings came back focused on what's missing from their run at a second straight Stanley Cup title.

If the Kings can't score more, they probably can't scare mighty Chicago.

"We have to find a way to get the offensive part of the game accomplished without sacrificing the D," captain Dustin Brown said Thursday between the Kings' brief practice and their flight to Chicago. "We haven't been able to do that yet, especially on the road. There's no one reason, but it all comes back to hard work."

The defending champs are averaging exactly two goals per game in the post-season, lowest among the eight NHL teams who survived the first round. The Blackhawks are scoring 2.75 goals per game, while Pittsburgh and Boston are both above three goals per game.

Puck drop

Eastern Conference final.
Bruins at Penguins, Game 1: Saturday, 5 p.m. (CBC)

Western Conference final.
Kings at Blackhawks, Game 1: Saturday, 2 p.m. (TSN)

The Kings realize they've got to help out Jonathan Quick, whose dominant goaltending propelled them — or maybe carried them — into their second-straight Western Conference finals appearance starting Saturday at United Center.

Quick has allowed just 20 goals in 13 post-season games, but the Conn Smythe Trophy winner and his sturdy defence haven't faced an offence with the Blackhawks' speed and depth. Quick realizes the Kings must do more to reach their second straight Cup final.

"We've all got to get a lot better," Quick said. "We know we've got some work to do to beat those guys, because they had the best record in the regular season. They're as tough as anybody out there."

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NBA playoffs

Heat one game away from Finals

LeBron James scored 30 points, Udonis Haslem made his last eight shots on the way to a 16-point night, and the Miami Heat used a dominant third quarter to beat the Indiana Pacers 90-79 in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference final on Thursday.

The Heat lead the series 3-2 and will look to close it out at Indiana on Saturday night.

Paul George had 27 points and 11 rebounds for the Pacers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH (1) VS. BOSTON (4)

Saturday's game
Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Monday's game
Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Wednesday's game
Pittsburgh at Boston, 8 p.m.
Friday's game
Pittsburgh at Boston, 8 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Tuesday's game
x-Pittsburgh at Boston, TBD
Wednesday's game
x-Boston at Pittsburgh, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (5)

Saturday's game
Los Angeles at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Sunday's game
Los Angeles at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Tuesday's game
Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Thursday's game
Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Los Angeles at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Monday's game
x-Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Wednesday's game
x-Los Angeles at Chicago, TBD
x — played only if necessary.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS INDIANA (3)

(Miami leads 3-2)
Thursday's result
Miami 90 Indiana 79

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SAN ANTONIO (2) VS MEMPHIS (5)

(San Antonio wins 4-0)

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	32	22	.593	—
New York	30	23	.566	1½
Baltimore	30	24	.556	2
Tampa Bay	28	24	.538	3
Toronto	23	31	.426	9

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	29	22	.569	—
Cleveland	29	24	.547	1
Chicago	24	27	.471	5
Minnesota	22	28	.440	6½
Kansas City	21	29	.420	7½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	33	20	.623	—
Oakland	31	24	.564	3
Los Angeles	24	29	.453	9
Seattle	23	31	.426	10½
Houston	16	37	.302	17

Thursday's results
Texas 9 Arizona 5
Baltimore 2 Washington 0
N.Y. Mets 3 N.Y. Yankees 1
Cleveland 7 Cincinnati 1
Milwaukee at Minnesota
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels
Wednesday's results
Baltimore 9 Washington 6
N.Y. Mets 9 N.Y. Yankees 4
Cleveland 5 Cincinnati 2
Arizona at Texas, postponed
Minnesota 4 Milwaukee 1
L.A. Angels 4 L.A. Dodgers 3
Friday's games
All times Eastern
Detroit (Scherzer 7-0) at Baltimore (Gonzalez 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Moore 8-0) at Cleveland (Kluber 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Lester 6-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Davis 3-4) at Texas (Holland 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Iwakuma 5-1) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 3-5), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Axelrod 3-3) at Oakland (Colon 5-2), 10:05 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 1-2) at L.A. Angels (Hanson 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	32	21	.604	—
Washington	27	27	.500	5½
Philadelphia	26	28	.481	6½
New York	22	29	.431	9
Miami	13	41	.241	19½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	35	17	.673	—
Pittsburgh	34	20	.630	2
Cincinnati	33	21	.611	3
Chicago	22	30	.423	13
Milwaukee	19	33	.365	16

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	30	23	.566	—
San Francisco	29	25	.537	1½
Colorado	28	25	.528	2
San Diego	24	29	.453	6
Los Angeles	22	29	.431	7

Thursday's results
Chicago Cubs 8 Chicago White Sox 3
Seattle 7 San Diego 1
San Francisco 5 Oakland 2
Boston 9 Philadelphia 2
Pittsburgh 1 Detroit 0 (11)
Atlanta 11 Toronto 3
Tampa Bay 5 Miami 2
Kansas City at St. Louis
Houston at Colorado
Wednesday's results
Chicago Cubs 9 Chicago White Sox 3
Philadelphia 4 Boston 3
Pittsburgh 5 Detroit 3
Toronto 3 Atlanta 0
Tampa Bay 3 Miami 1
St. Louis 5 Kansas City 3
Houston 6 Colorado 3
San Diego 3 Seattle 2 (10)
Oakland 9 San Francisco 6
Friday's games — All times Eastern
Arizona (Miley 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 3-5) at Philadelphia (Hamels 1-8), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Rodriguez 6-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Marcum 0-5) at Miami (Turner 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 3-5) at Atlanta (Teheran 3-1), 7:30 p.m.
San Francisco (Cain 4-2) at St. Louis (Miller 5-3), 8:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-3) at Colorado (Garland 3-6), 8:40 p.m.
Toronto (Jenkins 1-0) at San Diego (Marquis 6-2), 10:10 p.m.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will be in a social mood today and you are advised to get whatever obligations you have out of the way quickly so you can focus on more interesting things — and people. Friends are fun, and so are you.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It may feel as if your life is in limbo but don't worry about it. You will soon be moving in the right direction. The road may at times be tough but you're tough enough to walk it.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If you let people know what it is you are planning, you make it easier for them to compete with you, so keep it to yourself for the time being. Knowledge is power and power is not something you just give away.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you focus on negative thoughts then, inevitably, you will get negative results. As Mars moves into the most sensitive area of your chart today, you must be positive in every possible way.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You are in an aggressive mood and it's likely that someone you encounter today will bring out the worst in you. Try to remember though that not everyone is your enemy.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
As Mars moves into the career area of your chart today, you may find yourself looking over your shoulder more often than you should. "Enemies" cannot do anything to hurt you.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
No matter how many little things may have gone wrong, big things are still going well and will continue to move in your favour. The world is a wonderful place — and getting better by the minute.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Focus on the good things in life. According to the planets, you can't do a thing wrong at the moment — and even if you do, Mercury will help you talk your way out of it.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your luck seems to be in at the moment and you would not be human if you did not take advantage of it. Don't listen to those who say it is immoral to succeed while others fail.

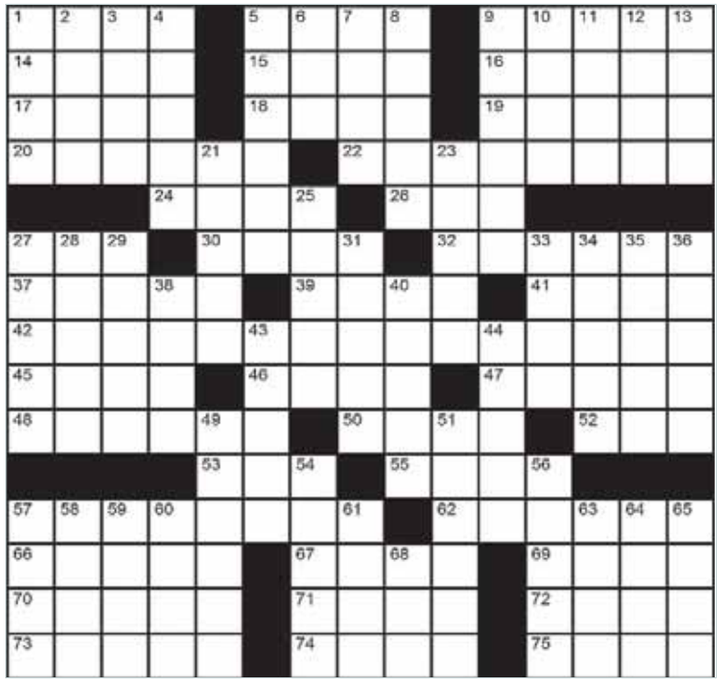
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Look at the world and see what a wonderful place it is. With a little bit of optimism, you can achieve some extraordinary things. What might you achieve with a lot?

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Find ways to combine words and actions. With Mars, planet of energy, moving in your favour there is nothing you cannot do if you put your mind to it. And there's the only problem: you seem distracted.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If someone gives you a tough time today, you must take them on. If you let them get away with saying untrue things, they will take it as a sign of weakness. Stand up for yourself. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

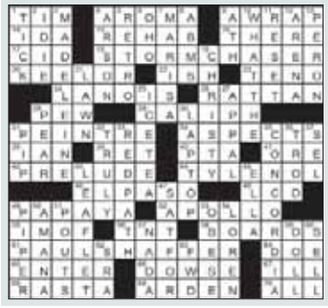
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Chatters
5. "Ah, me."
9. Bedding linen
14 Rush, office-style
15. Do some road-work
16. Mr. Pig
17. Fodder holder
18. Ransack
19. Boring tool
20. The Rachel, in the 1990s, for one
22. Alberta's provincial flower: 2 wds.
24. Office fill-in worker
26. Scottish negative
27. Cave's ceiling clinger
30. "Want to make __?"
32. __ and bass (Stereo knobs)
37. Like the potatoes in the pot
39. Scooby's sniffer
41. Alex Rodriguez, to baseball fans
42. k.d. lang hit: 2 wds.
45. Cooking show appliance
46. Swerve
47. Slim spot to sit on
48. Get comfy
50. Shania Twain's ex-hubby Mr. Lange
52. R's spelled-out follower
53. Ceramics, for example
55. Bar beverage
57. Ontario hometown of The Tragically Hip
62. Typos
66. "Chasing Pavements" songstress
67. Charlize Theron movie, "__ Flux" (2005)
69. Exuberance
70. Happen again
71. Beach volleyball surface
72. Birthday dessert
73. The Great __
74. Cafeteria carrier
75. Understood

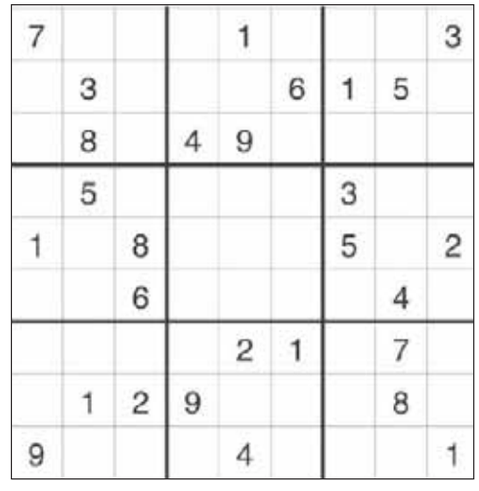
Down
1. Large cut
2. "Heat of the Moment" band
3. Island of Indonesia
4. Football, for example
5. Poise
6. Philosopher, __-tzu
7. Profess
8. __ stone (Cannot be changed): 2 wds.
9. "Boston Legal" actor James
10. "This __ Has 22 Minutes" on CBC
11. Thus
12. __ out a living
13. Ancient port of Lebanon
21. Gave out
23. Afterwards
25. Short-tubed pasta
27. John Candy comedy, "Canadian __" (1995)
28. Over
29. Hues
31. __ pole
33. Roof part
34. Wedding gown wearer
35. Yearns
36. Boundaries
38. "__ She Lovely" by Stevie Wonder
40. Surgeon's pre-surgery cleanse
43. Deflect
44. Vary
49. Cosmetic surgery tools
51. Like followers of fads
54. Wedding reception salute
56. Sunken ship
57. Communist, __ Marx
58. Brain wave
59. Spot for some jewelry
60. Sticky stuff
61. By
63. The __ Parsons Project
64. __ 1, as per movie scene filming
65. From the start again
68. "__ _ Carousel" by The Hollies

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

1	6	8	3	5	9	4	2	7
4	5	9	7	2	6	3	1	8
7	2	3	4	1	8	9	6	5
2	7	5	9	8	1	6	3	4
3	9	6	5	7	4	2	8	1
8	4	1	2	6	3	7	5	9
6	1	7	8	9	2	5	4	3
9	8	4	6	3	5	1	7	2
5	3	2	1	4	7	8	9	6

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